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The Bruckner Revolving Furnace.

We show in the accompanying illustrations an elevation (Fig. 1) longitudinal section (Fig. 2), and transverse section (Fig. 3), of Bruckner's furnace for desulphurizing ores, built by Messrs. Lane & Bodley, of Cincinnati:

The exterior of the cylinder is a sheet of boiler iron, 12 feet long by 5 feet 6 inches in diameter. The ends are partially closed with similar material, leaving in the centre a circular opening about 2 feet in diameter, bounded by a flange projecting several inches. Upon one side is placed an opening closed by a hinged door. Upon the outside of the cylinder are bolted three bands, as shown in Fig. 1, in which the section of the first is square, and that of the third semi-circular; the second, or middle band, is a strong spur gear. Passing through the cylinder are six pipes parallel to one another, in a plane at an angle of 15° to the axis of the cylinder; these pipes also lie in this plane at an angle of 30 to 35°, to the longitudinal axis of the plane, as shown in Fig. 3, where the internal arrangement of the cylinder is seen, a perforated diaphragm being formed through part of the cylinder by means of perforated plates placed between the above described pipes, the plates being held in place by longitudinal grooves upon these pipes.

The entire cylinder is lined with brick (common building bricks have been found to answer the purpose very well), the brick being placed in the following manner: The entire side of the cylinder is covered with one layer, laid flatwise, thus forming a lining about 2½ inches thick; there is an additional layer extending from each end of the cylinder about 15 inches to the center of where the nearest pipe passes out; the additional concentric layers are added thereon, until the circle is contracted down to the size of the opening in the end, which is also lined, and each layer falls short of the preceding one about 2 inches, thus giving the end linings a conical form, the entire lining being laid in a mortar of one part fire clay, two parts pulverized old fire brick, and water, all thoroughly mixed and beaten. The cylinder is supported upon four large friction rollers, two of which are grooved upon their periphery, to loosely fit the semi-circular band, thus holding the cylinder longitudinally in place. The other two friction rollers are made without a groove, and bear upon the square band, thus accommodating themselves to the expansion and contraction of the cylinder, or any irregularities of form, all of which can be seen in Fig. 1. Rotary motion is given to the cylinder by means of a pinion placed under the cylinder and gearing into the spur-gear band. Upon

loosely projects into a fire box, best seen in section to the left of Fig. 2. The other end projects into an opening communicating with dust chambers and a chimney. There is placed in the bottom of the flue a shoe projecting into the cylinder, which catches such dust as may fall back, and returns it into the cylinder in lieu of allowing it to escape through the crevice between the cylinder flange and opening into the flue. A door is placed in the flue opposite the opening, through which the interior of the cylinder and its contents can be readily examined at any time.

The line shaft should run 23 revolutions per

on the Tees [the bulk are unemployed; and from Eston to Consett every center of the iron trade sees many of these huge ore smelters laid idle. The consequences are patent to those in the iron districts who know the hundreds of men that each blast furnace gives direct and indirect employment to in mining for ore and coal, in the quarrying of limestone, and in the work of preparing these raw materials. It may not now be uninteresting to attempt to give an idea of the work done by these furnaces, and of the great growth in the North, of which they are the indices.

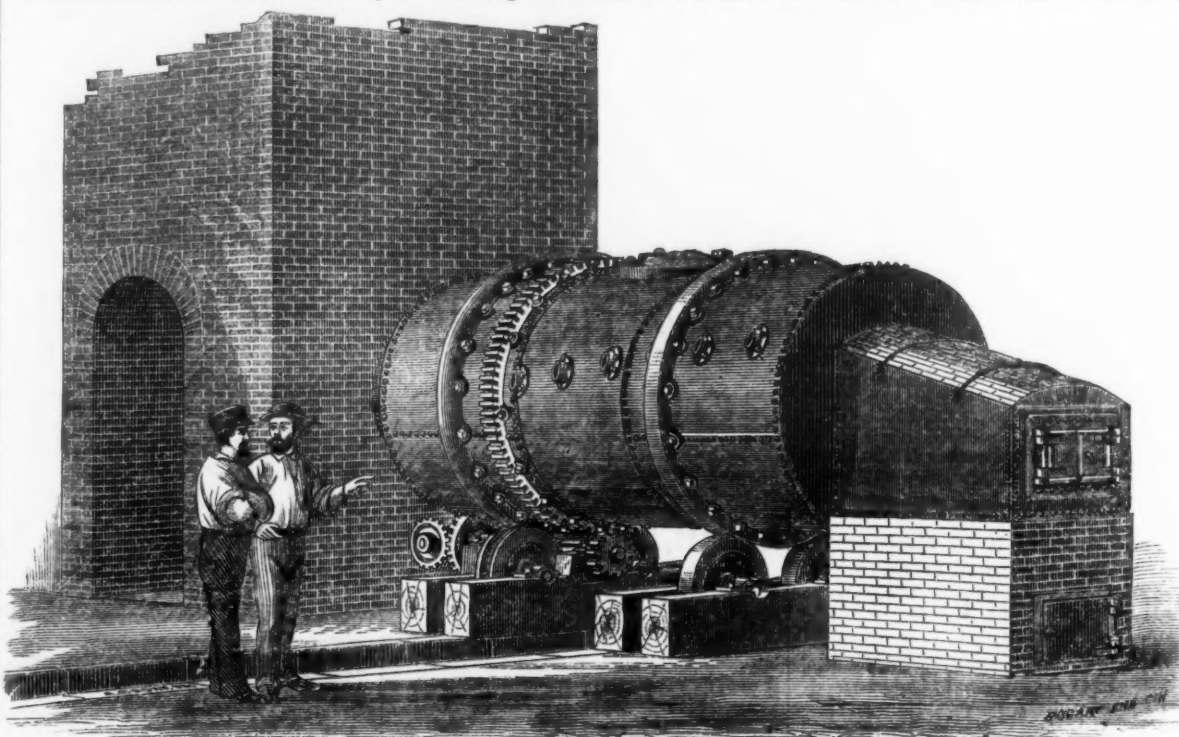
Confining ourselves to what is called the

tons of iron ore yearly, and there are produced now two million tons of pig iron, where two dozen years ago the industry was non-existent. That production was estimated at £10,000,000, but the owners know to their cost that the value is a fluctuating one.

It may be added that the inner part of these furnaces is of fire brick, and that a thick covering of brickwork, or masonry, bound with belts of stout iron, forms the outer casing. Each requires a continuous supply of iron ore, coke and lime; and an average furnace takes daily some two hundred tons of ore, previously kiln-roasted into about 150 tons of calcined iron;

It seems a simple operation to have largely changed the face of Cleveland, but it is the transforming of the long hidden resources of the Cleveland hills into a shape in which they meet the varying and ever growing needs of commerce. Year by year fresh fields have been literally given up to this iron manufacture, until it is literally true that a large part of Cleveland is being undermined in the search for ore, and new sites are sought for furnaces. At first they were confined to the banks of the Tees; then at Darlington, into the remote Esk Valley at Gosmont and Glaisdale, at the Tees mouth, and on the Cleveland coast as far as Skinningrove, as well as at remoter points in Durham, these have been planted. By their growth at the rate of more than six annually, a trade has been developed which has in a score of years revolutionized the whole district, and made a city of the solitude. By the disuse of a third of the number and of the corallaries thereto, the vast district from Esk to Tyne is suffering keen pangs of distress, relieved only by the hope of a better day being ushered in through the media of cheaper iron, labor and coal in the new year.

There was recently launched at Baltimore, for the United States Coast Survey, a "composito" vessel, that is a vessel built partly of iron and partly of wood. It appears that this vessel was built upon recommendation of Captain Patterson, of the coast survey, whose views on the subject are of interest in adding to our knowledge of the important questions affecting the shipbuilding trade. He says that experience has shown "composito" vessels to be more economical and more durable than vessels built either entirely of iron or entirely of wood, and that this is more especially the case in our Southern waters. In the "composito" hull, the frame and beams are of iron and the planking of wood. The waters of the Southern coast are found to seriously affect iron hulls, so that after about eight years the iron falls. Five or six years ago two small "composito" vessels were built for the coast survey, in Baltimore, and they have proved very successful; one of these, the Bibb, withstood the terrible cyclone which recently destroyed Indianola. She was subject to its full severity for 90 hours, but passed through it unscathed. In the period of nearly six years that they have been afloat, the repairs to these two schooners have not exceeded \$600. Subsequently another "composito" schooner, of 125 tons, was built, and afterward a "composito" steamer, of 200 tons. Captain Patterson thinks that this class of vessels will in time be generally used, on account



THE BRUCKNER REVOLVING FURNACE.

minute. Three horse-power is required to drive the furnace. The mechanical details of the furnace are very well worked out, and will repay careful study by those who are interested in the use of revolving furnaces of any kind. In this respect many furnaces which have been presented to the public have failed, for, while correct in principle, the practical details have

Cleveland district, it may be said that the first were those erected at Witton Park in 1846, by Messrs. Bolckow & Vaughan, but these were solitary for years, and the first really in the bounds of Cleveland were built at Middlesbrough in 1852, by the same firm, after the commercial discovery of the Cleveland iron ore. They attained then the height of only 42 feet,

150 tons of coal, baked into little more than half that weight of coke; 35 tons of limestone as a flux, and huge quantities of air. Thus duly supplied with properly roasted ore, well baked coke, and pure lime, it gives out at intervals quantities of iron, which throw off, in Mushet's words, "an infinite number of brilliant sparkles of carbon," whilst slag comes

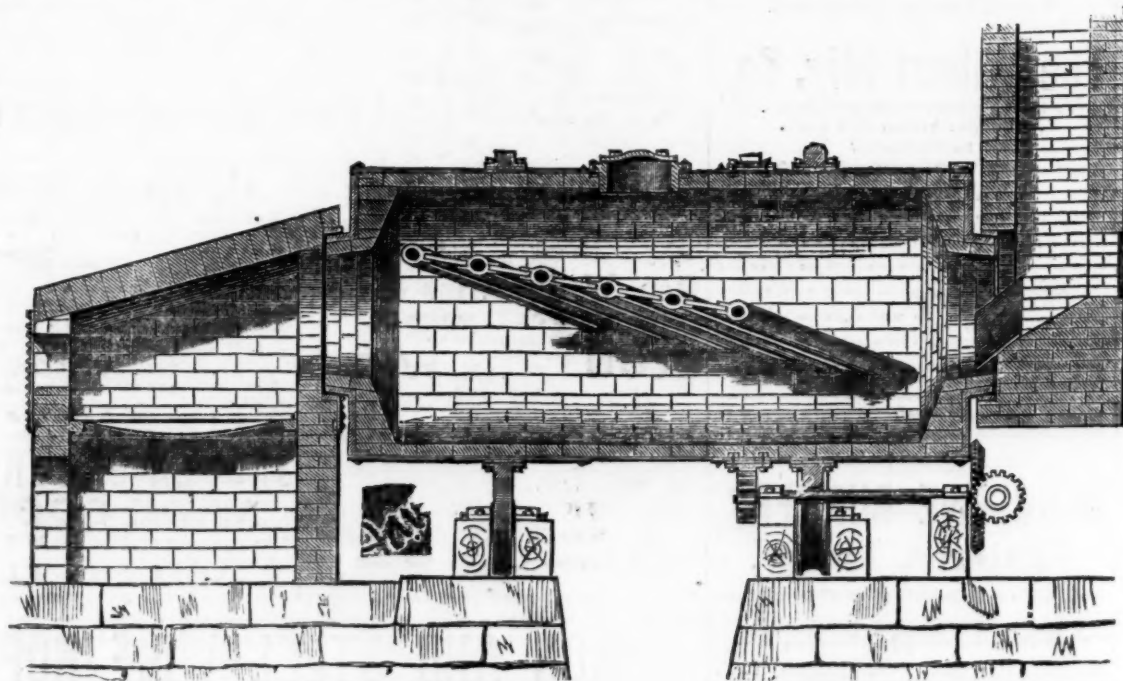


Fig. 2.

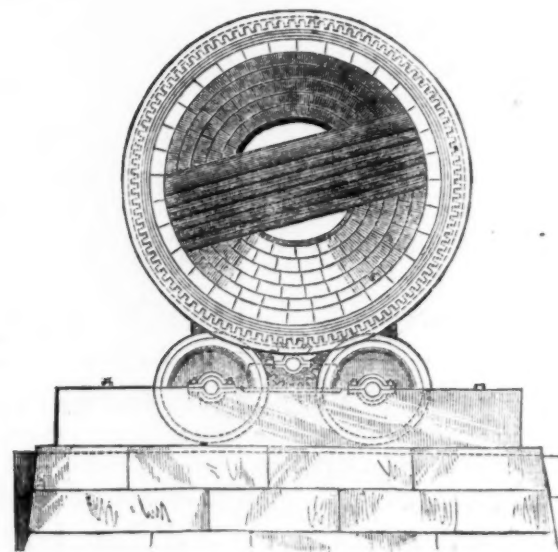


Fig. 3.

the other end of the pinion shaft are placed two bevel wheels, into which gear two match wheels, which latter are loose upon the driving shaft, standing at right angles to the pinion shaft, and either of which wheels can be attached to the driving shaft, thus communicating the speed of revolution of one or the other of the bevel gear as may be desired. Inasmuch as by wear or settling the axis of the cylinder may possibly be thrown out of the proper line, the following means of adjustment are provided, but not shown in any of the figures, viz., each journal box of the friction rollers is held in position by adjusting screws, by which it can be moved horizontally to or from the center line of the machine, thus giving entire control to the lateral and perpendicular adjustment of the cylinder which they support.

The circular flange of one end of the cylinder

been treated in such an ignorant, unmechanical fashion as to preclude the possibility of successful use.

North of England Blast Furnaces.

The London Daily News says: Roughly speaking, it may be said that a third of the blast furnaces in the Cleveland iron masters' district are out of blast, that in West Cumberland a larger proportion is similarly idle, and that in the Barrow district a similar state of affairs prevails. In the first and most important of these districts the highest authority in the iron trade has described the state of affairs as "calamitous," and every week fresh additions are made to the list of Northern iron works laid idle, and every week the distress amongst iron workers seems increasing. At Glaisdale and West Hartlepool all the blast furnaces are off work; at Newport

but these have been rebuilt, and by successive stages the height has been increased until the latest blown in at the Northern confines of the district have attained the height of 103 feet, and are described as the largest in the world. Similarly the dimensions of the "bosh" have been increased more than double. In the first furnaces referred to, this (which is roughly described as the lower of the two truncated cones of which the furnace consists) was under 14 feet, but now the largest furnaces have a bosh of 51 feet. There has been a consequential increase of the cubical capacity—the earliest having a capacity of 4500 feet, and the latest nearly ten times that amount. As to the primary cost of furnaces, it may be added that two of medium size, exclusive of land, cost £253,531, and that in the 150 in the Cleveland district above three millions sterling are sunk. As the result of this, the district now produces six million

regularly from it in a continuous hot stream of light color. But let the conditions be uncomplicated with, and the furnace tenders know that trouble is before them. With raw ore, doughy coke or impure limestone, or with air unwarmed by passing through a respirator like furnace, the symptoms are like those of indigestion, and, as a Cleveland iron master phrases it, the blast furnace "begins to heave, to kick, to spit fire." Ore, coke and lime are refused for a time, then gulped in double quick, and possibly "floods of black, discolored slag" issue, or nothing is given out at all; and in extreme cases, in spite of all exertion, the furnace comes to an untimely end. All working well, rows of parallel trenches are molded in the sand, connected with each other; and, duly tapped, the furnace gives out a molten stream into these, where it takes the form well known as pig iron.

of their much greater durability than wooden vessels, which much more than balances the somewhat heavier first cost.

Messrs. M. D. Leggett & Co. have just received notification of an allowance of the claims of Mr. J. Ostrander, for a patent on his invention for rolling tubular iron. By this invention tubing can be rolled, with a compound mandril, 30 feet long of required diameter or shape and with a hole from one-sixteenth inch to any required size. Mr. Ostrander's method has ceased to be a mere experiment, as tube iron is now being manufactured, under former patents granted him, at the Israel James Iron Works, Cuyahoga Falls. The iron manufactured after this patent is intended for all purposes where iron tubing can be used, notably for stay bolts for boilers, hollow pump plungers, and hollow working bands for oil wells.—Cleveland Trade Review.

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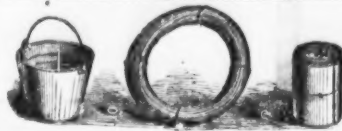
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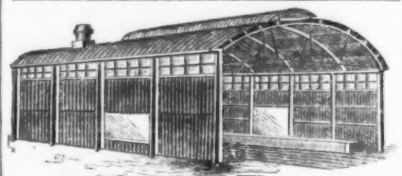
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an improvement in screw cutting dies, made
by the Wiley & Russell Manufacturing Com-
pany, of Greenfield, Mass. This tool is made
so as to be conveniently held in a bit stock in-
stead of in the ordinary plate. The con-
struction will readily be understood from Fig.
1, and also from the representation of the die
taken apart in Fig. 2. The screws shown at A,
in Fig. 1, serve to close the parts of the die



IMPROVED SCREW CUTTING DIE AND HOLDER.—
Fig. 1.

together from the sides, and the taper screws,
B, Fig. 2, spread the die when driven in, thus
regulating the size of the cut. By operating
either screws, A or B, the portions of the die
may be adjusted and held with great nicety,
while wear, at the same time, is compensated
for in a very simple and effective manner.

The die does its work in a single cut, thus
forming the screw thread at once, neatly and

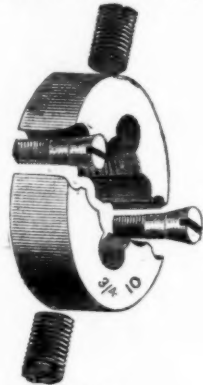


Fig. 2.

sharply, and without raising the thread above
the normal surface of the material operated
upon. The die also allows of nuts and bolts
for different purposes being made to fit to-
gether tightly or loosely, as desired.

This tool is particularly intended for thread-
ing stove rods rapidly and accurately, and
will be useful also to carriage makers and in job-
bing shops on rods three-eighths and under.

New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office
at Washington the following specifications of
certain patents, lately issued, which will be
found interesting:

IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CAST-
INGS FROM WROUGHT AND CAST IRON.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 169,361, dated Oct. 26, 1875, issued to Wil-
liam Hainsworth, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Many articles required in the arts can be made
much cheaper of cast iron than of wrought iron,
but which, for practical purposes, must have,
to a greater or less degree, the properties of
wrought iron. By this improvement such ar-
ticles are made by the operation of casting, and
there is secured in the product most or all of
the desired properties of wrought iron, or, in
other words, they are wrought iron castings.

In carrying out the process first mix together
and melt wrought iron and cast iron, varying
the proportions somewhat according to the
quality of the materials employed, increasing
or lessening the percentage of wrought iron ac-
cording as the pig iron contains a high or low
percentage of carbon, or according as a greater
or less degree of malleability and toughness is
desired in the product. With ordinary mate-
rials, and for ordinary purposes, about equal
proportions of wrought and cast iron may be
employed, varying from this, or even a little
less than one-half of wrought iron, to 10 or 20
per centum of an excess of wrought iron. The
melting may be done in any suitable furnace or
crucible, and other ingredients may be added,
if so desired. For convenience in mixing and
melting the materials may be reduced to com-
paratively small pieces. As soon as the mix-
ture is melted run it off into pigs in the manner
well known in similar operations. This is done
partly because the iron needs still further re-
fining before answering perfectly for the uses
in view, and partly because it is not sufficiently
homogeneous. Then break up the pigs and re-
melt them in crucibles, or in an open hearth or

other suitable furnace, and as soon as melted
run off into the molds suitable for making the
article or articles desired. Any kind of molds,
such as are employed in ordinary foundry work,
may be used. The remelting has a refining ef-
fect on the iron, and also gives it a more homo-
geneous character; and the production may be
still further refined by adding a small percent-
age of wrought iron—say, five to ten per cen-
tum—in the second melting. In this manner
is secured after annealing a cast product which
has all, or nearly all, the desirable properties of
ordinary wrought iron. It is tough, strong,
malleable and ductile.

Claim.—The process of making homo-
geneous refined castings from wrought and cast
iron, by first mixing and melting wrought and
cast iron in about the proportions specified;
second, running the molten mixture off into
pigs; third, breaking up and remelting the
pigs; and, fourth, running the remelted pro-
duct off into molds.

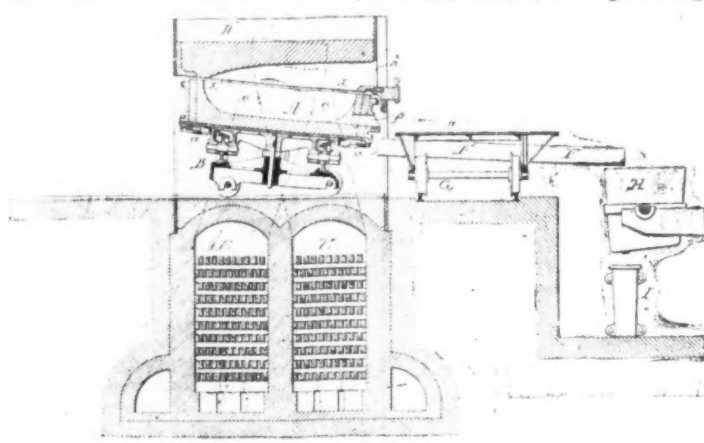
IMPROVEMENT IN INCLINED REVOLVING PUDD-
LING FURNACES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 169,033, dated October 19, 1875, issued to
Charles Pernot, of St. Chamond, France.

The object of this invention is to improve the
construction of converting furnaces having in-
clined and removable hearths A, arranged as
shown in the drawing.

The hearth or receiver A is mounted in an in-
clined position on a truck, B, on which it can
be freely rotated, the said truck being adapted
to a railway track, upon which it can, together
with the receiver, be withdrawn laterally from
the furnace.

The receiver has on its under side a cog-
wheel, c, into which gears a pinion, d, on an in-
clined shaft, e (shown in Fig. 2), the said shaft
being operated, by any suitable means, in such
a manner as to impart a continuous rotary move-
ment to the inclined hearth, and in such a man-
ner, also, that the speed can be increased or di-
minished at will.



INCLINED REVOLVING PUDDLING FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

In order to avoid the necessity of packing the
joint x between the receiver and the furnace D,
there is employed for heating the furnace a sys-
tem of regenerators, E, similar to those of a
Siemens furnace, in which the internal pressure
exceeds that of the external air. The joint x,
therefore, may be left open, without any pack-
ing, the internal pressure effectually preventing
the access of external air to the contents of the
furnace.

While a packing round a rotary hearth is al-
ways objectionable, and generally inefficient, it
is specially so where, as in this instance, the
hearth is to be withdrawn from the furnace
from time to time.

The receiver has a tapping hole, f, for dis-
charging the molten steel into an inclined spout,
F, on a truck, G, which can be wheeled to dif-

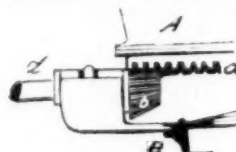


Fig. 2.

ferent points, in order to be brought opposite
ladles H, from which the metal is poured into
ingot-molds I. The truck G is also constructed
with a platform, g, above the spout, upon which
the attendants can stand when charging the
receiver A, or while engaged at the working-
hole h.

The molten cast iron, by the action of the ro-
tating hearth A, is thrown outward and up-
ward by centrifugal force, and falls again to-
ward the center in small particles, so that the
whole of the mass is acted on by the gases,
oxidation rapidly takes place, and the required
proportion of carbon is dissipated, the result
being a perfectly homogeneous steel.

Claim.—1. A furnace in which are combined
an inclined rotating and removable hearth, ar-
ranged to leave an open joint, x, between the
hearth and the body of the furnace, and a re-
generator, from which heated gases are passed
to the furnace under a pressure greater than
that of the external atmosphere.

2. The combination of the furnace D, in-
clined rotary hearth A, series of ladles H and
spout F, mounted on a truck, G, to conduct the
molten metal to any one of the ladles.

Those who go down to the sea in ships from
San Francisco, whether trans-oceanic or coast-
wise, appear to run risks hazarded by pas-
sengers from no other part. Fragments of the
ill-fated Pacific's timbers have been cast ashore
at several points, and were found to be affected
with dry rot to such an extent that they fell to
pieces on being handled. In one instance a
piece of sound wood had been fastened to a
rotten timber with a bolt eaten away with rust.
The Los Angeles has fortunately turned up
safe with her hundred passengers, but she is
stated to be so rotten that she can hardly float.

She was originally a government cutter, the
Wawayanda, but when her timbers decayed so
that she was unsafe, the United States sold her
to be converted into a passenger vessel. Good-
all, Nelson & Perkins, owners of this tub, the
Pacific and the Salvador, whose fleet must have
been a thing of beauty and a joy forever to the
coroners along the coast, announce, somewhat
late in the day, their intention of withdrawing
their steamers. Ten vessels and 1500 lives rep-
resent the losses from the single port of San
Francisco during the past five years. A
pathetic and singular incident of the wreck has
been, by the way, the discovery of the body of
Miss Fannie Palmer, of San Juan Island. She
was drowned on the vessel, but the waves
carried her body a distance of 150 miles and
cast it up on the beach within sight of her
parents' house.

Bridge Building in a Hurry.

When the old market street bridge over the
Schuylkill was burned in November last it was
regarded as a peculiarly serious mishap. It was
on the line of the main thoroughfare of the city,
not only connecting West Philadelphia residents
with the city proper, but bringing passengers
and merchandise to and from the depots of the
Pennsylvania Railroad and all its many con-
nections. But more important even than this was
the fact that it was the most natural and direct
route to the Centennial grounds. The loss of
the bridge was not an inconvenience merely; it
was a positive danger, menacing the success of
the Centennial Exhibition itself. Philadel-
phians were accordingly in despair. The time
honored old bridge had taken years to finish,
and the great exhibition was only six months
distant. The mayor issued a proclamation
while the flames were still raging, the city
council held special meetings, consultations of
engineers took place, and there was endless talk
but no solution of the problem of how to do
the work in time, where to get the large sum

of money and whom to find to do it. But
Mr. Thomas A. Scott, president of the Penn-
sylvania Railroad, dropped in at the mayor's
office one day and said: "See here, I'll build
you a strong bridge, with double the capacity
of the old one. It shall cost \$65,000, \$10,000
less than the insurance on the burned bridge;
I'll sell it to the city for cost price exactly; I'll
return every cent, less than \$55,000 that it costs,
and I'll guarantee to have it done by the 1st of
January."

When the city authorities had recovered
breath this bold proposition was accepted. Mr.
Scott had anticipated their acceptance by tele-
graphing all over the lumber country of Penn-
sylvania as soon as he made his proposition,
ordering the bridge timber to be immediately
cut and loaded upon cars to await orders. The
instant the contract was signed he sent dis-
patches ordering that these cars be attached to
lightning express trains and whirled toward
Philadelphia. Before Mr. Scott's proposition
had been officially received everything was
ready. About 150 men stood with saws, ham-
mers and spikes in their hands on the banks of
the river at the site of the old bridge, waiting
for the ordinance to pass, ready to strike the
first blow the moment the signal was given. It
was toward evening on the 5th of December
when the contract was signed, and work was
begun without an instant's delay and kept up all
that night. By daylight and by torches and cal-
cium lights, Sundays and week days, in fair
weather and storm, without an hour's inter-
mission, the bridge building was carried on un-
der the direction of Mr. William J. Lockhard,
division superintendent of the railroad. Three
hours less than 21 days from the time the
mayor signed the ordinance, or seven days
ahead of time, the bridge was finished and
formally opened to travel. The men who had
been engaged upon it were then treated to a
Christmas dinner at the railroad depot in West
Philadelphia, and will be permitted to take a
well earned rest during the holidays. The
bridge is a Howe truss, well constructed of
white pine, with a flooring of oak, the timbers
having been shipped from Harrisburg, Wrights-
ville, Hunt's Run and St. Mary. The struc-
ture is 540 feet long, the two end spans being
each 162 feet, and the centre span 216 feet in
length. The truss is 25 feet high in the clear
and 28 feet from out to out. The width of
the bridge is 45 feet, including the sidewalk,
which is 19 feet wide. The railroad bridge
which is to be constructed on the abutments
north of the present structure will be 24 feet
wide in the clear and 28 feet from out to out.
The work of constructing this portion of the
bridge will be begun after the Christmas holi-
days, and upon its completion the temporary
railroad bridge over which the cars of the Penn-
sylvania road now pass will be removed and the
river once more opened to navigation at that
point. In order to increase the facility of
travel over the new bridge an extension was
made on the south end of the old piers through
substantial wrought iron columns firmly se-
cured in the old masonry at the water line and
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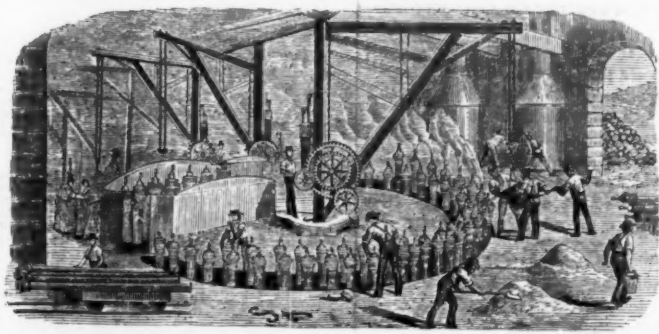
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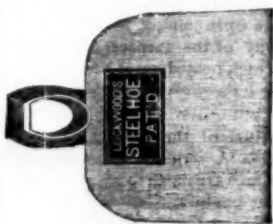
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The lift and force pump differs from the lift and the suction and lift pumps in an arrangement of parts by which the water is ejected from the cylinder under pressure great enough to carry it beyond the point at which power is applied. As adapted to ordinary work, force pumps are always piston pumps, arranged with an air chamber to equalize the pressure and afford a constant stream, instead of an intermittent one, which, by its action, might seriously strain the pipe. The force pump is the one which, in cities, is most frequently used, since it is not only able to lift water above the point at which power is applied, but to send it in any direction, and to almost any distance. They are largely used for raising water to tanks on the upper floors of houses supplied from mains in which the pressure is not great enough to give the required head. These pumps usually require more power for a given lift than any other, owing to the greater friction of parts. There are one or two hand-force pumps, however, in which the internal friction is but little, if any, greater than in the most efficient lift pumps. The efficiency of the best of these pumps, provided with an air chamber and worked with sufficient power, may be averaged as follows:

Size of Bore.	Size of Pipe.	Gals. per Minute.
2 in.	2 1/2 in.	6
2 1/2 in.	3 in.	9
3 in.	3 1/2 in.	12
3 1/2 in.	4 in.	15
4 in.	4 1/2 in.	22
4 1/2 in.	5 in.	30

The efficiency of a pump without an air chamber will be somewhat less than this, as it might be found difficult under certain circumstances to work the pump to its capacity. The power necessary to obtain this efficiency depends, of course, upon the height to which the water has to be forced, as well as the distance. When one of the larger sizes is employed for raising water to a great height, one man would probably be unable to work the pump to its capacity. The force pumps of all leading manufacturers are able to do this amount of work. The amount of power required, of course, depends upon circumstances. When the pump is continually supplied with all the water it can take, the amount of power required will be at a minimum, and the pump will be able to work up to its full capacity. An air chamber on a small suction pump is almost a necessity, because it frequently happens, in a city, that the small head of water in the street mains, and the small pipe used to reach water, prevent a sufficient supply from reaching the pump, and consequently the pump

does not do half the work of which it is theoretically capable. The addition of an air chamber below the pump keeps a constant stream flowing to the pump, and at the same time acts as a reservoir from which the pump may draw a supply at each stroke. The ordinary water charger or primer used on common suction pumps answers this purpose and adds greatly both to the ease and the capacity of a force pump under the circumstances we have named. Their cost is small, but their utility is very great and will repay the expense and trouble of applying them.

In city houses the pump most used for raising water is a side pump mounted on a plank. These pumps are often sold unmounted. They are very convenient to fasten to the side of a building or partition, as they have side ears, while the suction pipe and lower connection can be got at without disturbing the pump. The brake is usually arranged so as to be right or left hand as may be desired. The parts are commonly all brass. In too many cases they are perhaps without an air chamber. Sizes vary from the small 2 1/2 inch bore, with a capacity of 12 gallons per minute, up to 4 1/2 inch bore, capable of delivering 50 gallons per minute. When a steady and constant stream of water is required to be forced up, and a rapid supply needed, a double acting suction and force pump is used. These pumps deliver water at both upward and downward strokes. A pump with 2 1/2 inch bore will deliver about 16 gallons per minute; with a 2 1/2 inch bore 24 gallons; 3 1/2 inch bore 52 gallons; 4 1/2 inch bore 100 gallons per minute. Such pumps when furnished with an air chamber and hose are very effective for throwing a stream of water either for fire purposes or for washing windows, carriages and sprinkling walks. The larger sizes are very heavy and require so much power that a power pump would in many cases be preferable. In putting up pumps of this class large pipes are absolutely necessary, since the waste of power in forcing the large quantity of water, which they deliver through small pipes, is enormous.

When as large a quantity of water as these pumps will throw is to be raised by hand power, some form of pump with a double brake is commonly used, so that two men can work at the same time.

One of the most common methods of raising water by power is by using the so-called hydraulic ram. The simplicity of operation of the hydraulic ram, its effectiveness and economy, together with the fact that it is applicable in thousands of situations now without water, render a better knowledge of its operation extremely desirable. The following facts in regard to this apparatus will be interesting to most of our readers. The hydraulic ram is decidedly the most important and valuable apparatus yet developed in hydraulics for forcing a portion of a running stream of water to any elevation, proportionate to the fall obtained. It is perfectly applicable where no more than 18 inches fall can be had; yet the greater the fall applied, the more powerful the operation of the machine, and the higher the water may be conveyed. The relative proportions between the water raised, and wasted, is dependent entirely upon the relative height of the spring or source of supply above the ram, and the elevation to which it is required to be raised—the quantity raised varying in proportion to the height to which it is conveyed, with a given fall; also, the distance which the water has to be conveyed, and consequent length of pipe has some bearing on the quantity of water raised and discharged by the ram, as the longer the pipe through which the water has to be forced by the machine, the greater the friction to be overcome, and the more the power consumed in the operation; yet it is common to apply the ram for conveying the water distances of one and two hundred rods, and up elevations of one and two hundred feet. Ten feet fall from the spring or brook to the ram is abundantly sufficient for forcing up the water to any elevation under, say, one hundred and fifty feet in height above the level of the point where the ram is located; and the same ten feet fall will raise the water to a much higher point than above last named, although in a diminished quantity in proportion as the height is increased. When a sufficient quantity of water is raised with a given fall, it is not advisable to increase said fall, as in so doing the force with which the ram works is increased, and the amount of labor which it has to perform greatly augmented, the wear and tear of the machine proportionately increased, and the durability of the same lessened; so that economy in the expense of keeping the ram in repair would dictate that no greater fall should be applied for propelling the ram than is sufficient to raise a requisite supply of water to the place of use.

To enable any person to make the calculation as to what fall would be sufficient to apply to the ram to raise a sufficient supply of water to his premises, we would say that in conveying it an ordinary distance, of say 50 or 60 rods, it may be safely calculated that about one-seventh part of the water can be raised and discharged at an elevation above the ram, five times as high as the fall which is applied to the ram, or one-fourteenth part can be raised and discharged, say ten times as high as the fall applied; and so in that proportion as the fall or rise is varied. Thus if the ram be placed under a head or fall of five feet, of every 7 gallons drawn from the spring one may be raised 25 feet, or half a gallon 50 feet. Or with ten feet fall applied to the machine, of every 14 gallons drawn from the spring one gallon may be raised to the height of 100 feet above the machine, and so in like proportions, as the fall or rise is increased or diminished.

The following is an example of what a ram will do when properly set up and with supply, etc., properly proportioned to each other.

The fall from the surface of the water in the spring is 4 feet. The quantity of water delivered, per 10 minutes, at the house, is 3 1/2 gal-

lons, and that discharged at the ram, 25 gallons. Thus nearly one-seventh part of the water is saved. The perpendicular height of the place of delivery above the ram is 19 feet say 15 feet above the surface of the spring. The length of the pipe leading from the ram to the house is 100 feet. The pipe leading from the ram to the house has three right angles, rounded by curves. The length of the drive or supply pipe is 60 feet. Its inner diameter one inch. The depth of water in the spring over the drive pipe is 6 inches. The inner diameter of the pipe conducting the water from the ram to the house is three-eighths of an inch.

It is very essential that the drive or supply pipe should be laid as straight as possible, as the motion of the water in this pipe consists the power of the ram.

Care should be taken to set the ram in a pit deep enough to protect it from frost, or else by being boxed up the frost should be kept out.

The following table gives the capacity of rams of different sizes, together with the weights and diameters of pipes to be used in connection with them:

No. of Rams.	Size of Ram.	Quantity of water furnished per minute, by the spring or brook, to which the ram is adapted.	Length of Pipe.	Discharge.	Caliber of Pipes.	Weight of Pipe (if of Lead), or if of Wrought Iron, then of ordinary weight.
No. 1	2 1/2 in.	12 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet, where desired.	1 1/2 in.	6 lbs. per yard.	14 lbs. per foot.
No. 2	3 in.	16 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	2 in.	8 lbs. per yard.	16 lbs. per foot.
No. 3	3 1/2 in.	24 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	2 1/2 in.	11 lbs. per yard.	18 lbs. per foot.
No. 4	4 in.	52 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	3 in.	14 lbs. per yard.	20 lbs. per foot.
No. 5	4 1/2 in.	100 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	3 1/2 in.	18 lbs. per yard.	24 lbs. per foot.
No. 6	5 in.	150 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	4 in.	22 lbs. per yard.	28 lbs. per foot.
No. 7	5 1/2 in.	200 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	4 1/2 in.	26 lbs. per yard.	32 lbs. per foot.
No. 8	6 in.	250 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	5 in.	30 lbs. per yard.	36 lbs. per foot.
No. 9	6 1/2 in.	300 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	5 1/2 in.	34 lbs. per yard.	40 lbs. per foot.
No. 10	7 in.	350 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	6 in.	38 lbs. per yard.	44 lbs. per foot.
No. 11	7 1/2 in.	400 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	6 1/2 in.	42 lbs. per yard.	48 lbs. per foot.
No. 12	8 in.	450 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	7 in.	46 lbs. per yard.	52 lbs. per foot.
No. 13	8 1/2 in.	500 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	7 1/2 in.	50 lbs. per yard.	56 lbs. per foot.
No. 14	9 in.	550 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	8 in.	54 lbs. per yard.	60 lbs. per foot.
No. 15	9 1/2 in.	600 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	8 1/2 in.	58 lbs. per yard.	64 lbs. per foot.
No. 16	10 in.	650 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	9 in.	62 lbs. per yard.	68 lbs. per foot.
No. 17	10 1/2 in.	700 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	9 1/2 in.	66 lbs. per yard.	72 lbs. per foot.
No. 18	11 in.	750 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	10 in.	70 lbs. per yard.	76 lbs. per foot.
No. 19	11 1/2 in.	800 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	10 1/2 in.	74 lbs. per yard.	80 lbs. per foot.
No. 20	12 in.	850 gals. per min.	25 to 50 feet.	11 in.	78 lbs. per yard.	84 lbs. per foot.

If the ram is to be placed under a greater head or fall than named in the above table, it will, of course, be necessary to increase the weight and strength of the drive pipe; also, if the water is to be forced to any greater height than above mentioned, the discharge pipe should be proportionately increased in weight and strength. Where the water is to be forced to any great distance (say more than 1200 feet), it is preferable to use a discharge pipe of larger caliber than named in the above table.

With a given supply of water under a great fall, the ram is not required to be of a larger size than for the same quantity of water under a less fall. That is, a No. 4 ram would be of sufficient capacity for taking the water from a spring or brook furnishing 7 gallons per minute, where the fall is 8 or 10 feet; if there is not over 3 or 4 feet fall to the same spring or brook, then a No. 5 ram would be better adapted to the place.

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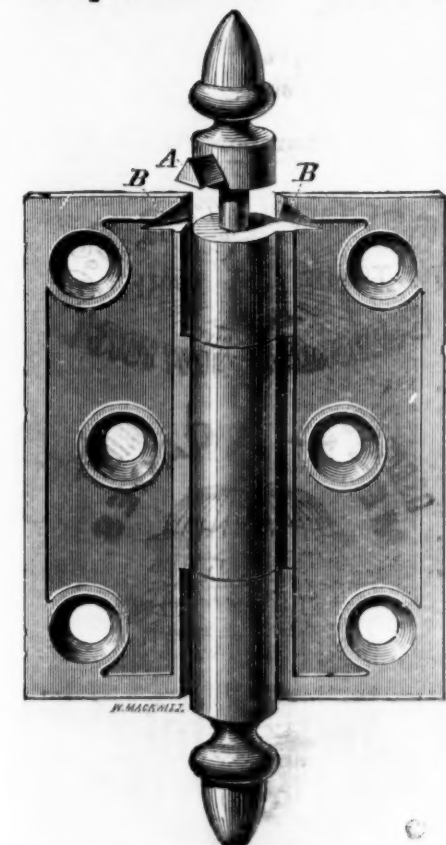
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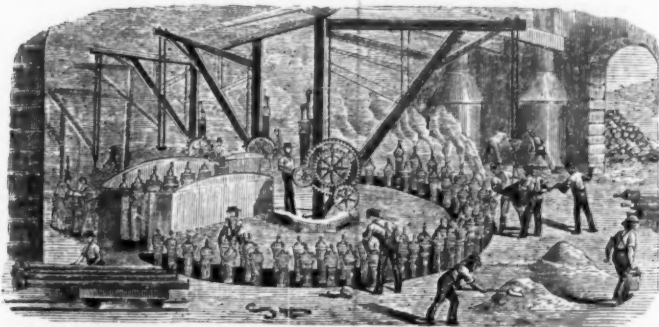
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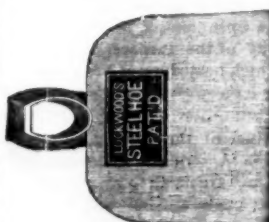
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which are more generally used than any other apparatus for raising water. One of the prime essentials for an out-door pump is, that the brake shall be long enough and the barrel high enough, so that it may be worked by a person of common height, standing. When the barrel of the pump is above ground, however, there was always danger of freezing in cold weather, and the first great improvement in this class of pumps consisted in sinking the working parts below the surface. Up to that time pumps of this class had been of the ordinary suction pump pattern, the water flowing immediately from the piston out of the spout. We now have three classes of pumps; lift, lift and suction, and suction and force. In the lift pump the barrel and lower valve are carried down below the surface of the water, the upward stroke of the piston carrying up the water raised without the aid of atmospheric pressure. This form of pump is much used, especially in driven wells. The working parts are perfectly protected from frost, they are simple and strong, and may be removed without trouble. The lower cylinder is made very compact in form, so as to go into the bore of a driven well, and is commonly provided with a strainer of some sort, which is screwed upon the end. When the cylinder is not long enough to reach the water level, a length of suction pipe is attached, and the pump then sucks as well as lifts. The capacity of such a pump is about the same as that of a cistern pump of the same diameter lifting water the same distance, ranging from 8 to 26 gallons per minute. In the more perfect form it is so arranged as to allow the water to run back, when desired, to prevent freezing, the brake stand swivels so as to make it either a right hand or a left hand pump, and by adding to the wrought iron set length and piston rod, it is adapted for use in wells of almost any depth. When the well is very deep, however, it may be necessary to increase the leverage by lengthening the brake, and to counterbalance the added weight, we have the greater weight of the piston rod and column of water. It is frequently an advantage in deep wells to use a strainer provided with an iron nest, which projects far enough to be firmly imbedded in the earth at the bottom of the well. This holds the pipe steady and aids in supporting it. Pipes in deep wells should be well braced, as the jarring and hammering of the brake is usually great enough to rack a long line of pipe, loosen the connections and necessitate frequent repairs. In light, sandy soil, cisterns, dug wells, and in any situation where there is danger of drawing dirt into the pipe, and where there is room enough to use a large strainer, the so-called "Mush-room" strainer presents many advantages. This strainer is of the saucer shape, and the water enters it at the top, while that which runs back from the barrel when the valve is tripped, flows out of the strainer in an upward direction, thus preventing the rolling of the water by stirring up the mud and sand on the bottom.

The lift and force pump differs from the lift and the suction and lift pumps in an arrangement of parts by which the water is ejected from the cylinder under pressure great enough to carry it beyond the point at which power is applied. As adapted to ordinary work, force pumps are always piston pumps, arranged with an air chamber to equalize the pressure and afford a constant stream, instead of an intermittent one, which, by its action, might seriously strain the pipe. The force pump is the one which, in cities, is most frequently used, since it is not only able to lift water above the point at which power is applied, but to send it in any direction, and to almost any distance. They are largely used for raising water to tanks on the upper floors of houses supplied from mains in which the pressure is not great enough to give the required head. These pumps usually require more power for a given lift than any other, owing to the greater friction of parts. There are one or two hand-force pumps, however, in which the internal friction is but little, if any, greater than in the most efficient lift pumps. The efficiency of the best of these pumps, provided with an air chamber and worked with sufficient power, may be averaged as follows:

Size of Bore.	Size of Pipe.	Gals. per Minute.
2 in.	0 1/2 in.	6
2 1/2 in.	1 in.	12
3 in.	1 1/4 in.	18
3 1/2 in.	1 1/2 in.	24

The efficiency of a pump without an air chamber will be somewhat less than this, as it might be found difficult under certain circumstances to work the pump to its capacity. The power necessary to obtain this efficiency depends, of course, upon the height to which the water has to be forced, as well as the distance. When one of the larger sizes is employed for raising water to a great height, one man would probably be unable to work the pump to its capacity. The force pumps of all leading manufacturers are able to do this amount of work. The amount of power required, of course, depends upon circumstances. When the pump is continually supplied with all the water it can take, the amount of power required will be at a minimum, and the pump will be able to work up to its full capacity. An air chamber on a small suction pipe is almost a necessity, because it frequently happens, in a city, that the small head of water in the street mains, and the small pipe used to bring water, prevent a sufficient supply from reaching the pump, and consequently the pump

does not do half the work of which it is theoretically capable. The addition of an air chamber below the pump keeps a constant stream flowing to the pump, and at the same time acts as a reservoir from which the pump may draw a supply at each stroke. The ordinary water charger or primer used on common suction pumps answers this purpose and adds greatly both to the ease and the capacity of a force pump under the circumstances we have named. Their cost is small, but their utility is very great and will repay the expense and trouble of applying them.

In city houses the pump most used for raising water is a side pump mounted on a plank. These pumps are often sold unmounted. They are very convenient to fasten to the side of a building or partition, as they have side ears, while the suction pipe and lower connection can be got at without disturbing the pump. The brake is usually arranged so as to be right or left hand as may be desired. The parts are commonly all brass. In too many cases they are perhaps without an air chamber. Sizes vary from the small 2 1/2 inch bore, with a capacity of 12 gallons per minute, up to 4 1/2 inch bore, capable of delivering 50 gallons per minute. When a steady and constant stream of water is required to be forced up, and a rapid supply needed, a double acting suction and force pump is used. These pumps deliver water at both upward and downward strokes. A pump with 2 1/2 inch bore will deliver about 16 gallons per minute; with a 3 1/2 inch bore 24 gallons; 4 1/2 inch bore 32 gallons; 4 3/4 inch bore 100 gallons per minute. Such pumps when furnished with an air chamber and hose are very effective for throwing a stream of water either for fire purposes or for washing windows, carriages and sprinkling walks. The larger sizes are very heavy and require so much power that a power pump would in many cases be preferable. In putting up pumps of this class large pipes are absolutely necessary, since the waste of power in forcing the large quantity of water, which they deliver through small pipes, is enormous.

When as large a quantity of water as these pumps will throw is to be raised by hand power, some form of pump with a double brake is commonly used, so that two men can work at the same time.

One of the most common methods of raising water by power is by using the so-called hydraulic ram. The simplicity of operation of the hydraulic ram, its effectiveness and economy, together with the fact that it is applicable in thousands of situations now without water, render a better knowledge of its operation extremely desirable. The following facts in regard to this apparatus will be interesting to most of our readers. The hydraulic ram is decidedly the most important and valuable apparatus yet developed in hydraulics for forcing a portion of a running stream of water to any elevation, proportionate to the fall obtained. It is perfectly applicable where no more than 18 inches fall can be had; yet the greater the fall applied, the more powerful the operation of the machine, and the higher the water may be conveyed. The relative proportions between the water raised, and wasted, is dependent entirely upon the relative height of the spring or source of supply above the ram, and the elevation to which it is required to be raised—the quantity raised varying in proportion to the height to which it is conveyed, with a given fall; also, the distance which the water has to be conveyed, and consequent length of pipe has some bearing on the quantity of water raised and discharged by the ram, as the longer the pipe through which the water has to be forced by the machine, the greater the friction to be overcome, and the more the power consumed in the operation; yet it is common to apply the ram for conveying the water distances of one and two hundred feet, and up elevations of one and two hundred feet. Ten feet fall from the spring or brook to the ram is abundantly sufficient for forcing up the water to any elevation under, say, one hundred and fifty feet in height above the level of the point where the ram is located; and the same ten feet fall will raise the water to a much higher point than above last named, although in a diminished quantity in proportion as the height is increased. When a sufficient quantity of water is raised with a given fall, it is not advisable to increase said fall, as in so doing the force with which the ram works is increased, and the amount of labor which it has to perform greatly augmented, the wear and tear of the machine proportionably increased, and the durability of the same lessened; so that economy in the expense of keeping the ram in repair would dictate that no greater fall should be applied for propelling the ram than is sufficient to raise a requisite supply of water to the place of use.

To enable any person to make the calculation as to what fall would be sufficient to apply to the ram to raise a sufficient supply of water to his premises, we would say that in conveying it an ordinary distance, of say 50 or 60 rods, it may be safely calculated that about one-seventh part of the water can be raised and discharged at an elevation above the ram, five times as high as the fall which is applied to the ram, or one-fourteenth part can be raised and discharged, say ten times as high as the fall applied; and so in that proportion as the fall or rise is varied. Thus if the ram be placed under a head or fall of five feet, of every 7 gallons drawn from the spring one may be raised 25 feet, or half a gallon 50 feet. Or with ten feet fall applied to the machine, of every 14 gallons drawn from the spring one gallon may be raised to the height of 100 feet above the machine, and so in like proportions, as the fall or rise is increased or diminished.

The following is an example of what a ram will do when properly set up and with supply, etc., properly proportioned to each other.

The fall from the surface of the water in the spring is 4 feet. The quantity of water delivered, per 10 minutes, at the house, is 8 1/2 gal-

lons, and that discharged at the ram, 25 gallons. Thus nearly one-seventh part of the water is saved. The perpendicular height of the place of delivery above the ram is 19 feet, say 15 feet above the surface of the spring. The length of the pipe leading from the ram to the house is 190 feet. The pipe leading from the ram to the house has three right angles, rounded by curves. The length of the drive or supply pipe is 60 feet. Its inner diameter one inch. The depth of water in the spring over the drive pipe is 6 inches. The inner diameter of the pipe conducting the water from the ram to the house is three-eighths of an inch.

It is very essential that the drive or supply pipe should be laid as straight as possible, as in the motion of the water in this pipe consists the power of the ram.

Care should be taken to set the ram in a pit deep enough to protect it from frost, or else by being boxed up the frost should be kept out.

The following table gives the capacity of rams of different sizes, together with the weights and diameters of pipes to be used in connection with them:

No. of Rams.	Size of Ram.	Quantity of water furnished per minute, by the spring or brook, to which the ram is adapted.	Drive.	Discharge.	Caliber of Pipes.	Weight of Pipe (if of Lead), or if of Wrought Iron, then of ordinary weight.
No. 1	2 1/2 in.	12 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	1 in.	8 lbs. per yard.
No. 2	3 in.	16 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	1 1/4 in.	11 lbs. per yard.
No. 3	3 1/2 in.	24 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	1 1/2 in.	14 lbs. per yard.
No. 4	4 in.	32 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	1 3/4 in.	18 lbs. per yard.
No. 5	4 1/2 in.	50 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	2 in.	24 lbs. per yard.
No. 6	5 in.	75 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	2 1/4 in.	32 lbs. per yard.
No. 7	5 1/2 in.	100 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	2 1/2 in.	40 lbs. per yard.
No. 8	6 in.	125 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	2 3/4 in.	48 lbs. per yard.
No. 9	6 1/2 in.	150 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	3 in.	56 lbs. per yard.
No. 10	7 in.	200 gals. per min.	25 to 30 feet.	25 to 30 feet.	3 1/2 in.	72 lbs. per yard.

If the ram is to be placed under a greater head or fall than named in the above table, it will, of course, be necessary to increase the weight and strength of the drive pipe; also, if the water is to be forced to any greater height than above mentioned, the discharge pipe should be proportionately increased in weight and strength. Where the water is to be forced to any great distance (say more than 1200 feet), it is preferable to use a discharge pipe of larger caliber than named in the above table.

With a given supply of water under a great fall, the ram is not required to be of a larger size than for the same quantity of water under a less fall. That is, a No. 4 ram would be of sufficient capacity for taking the water from a spring or brook furnishing 7 gallons per minute, where the fall is 8 or 10 feet; if there is not over 3 or 4 feet fall to the same spring or brook, then a No. 5 ram would be better adapted to the place.

If the stream is a large one, and a greater supply of water be required than one of the above sized machines will supply, then increase the number of the machines in preference to having one machine of a larger capacity than above named. Several rams may be set so as to play into one discharge pipe, each ram having a separate drive pipe applied from spring to ram.

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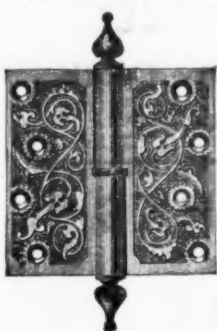
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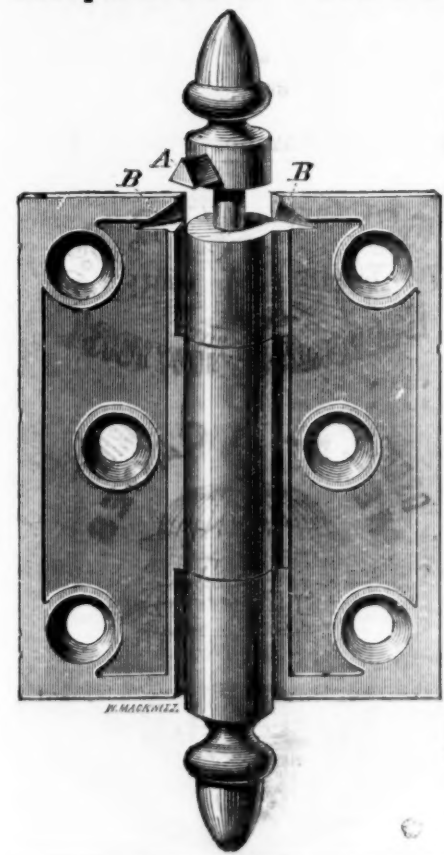
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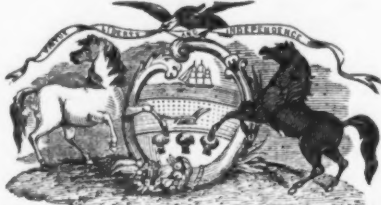
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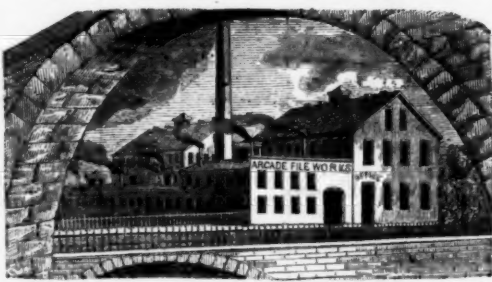
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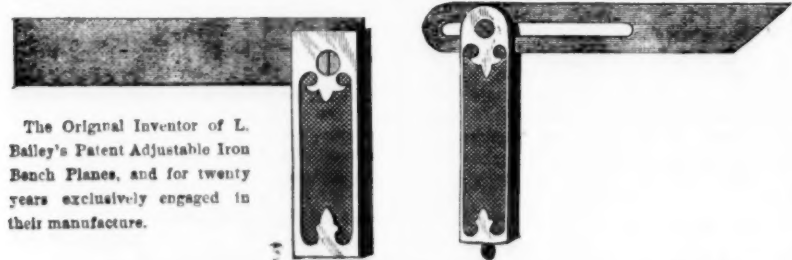
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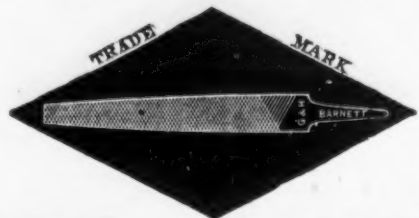
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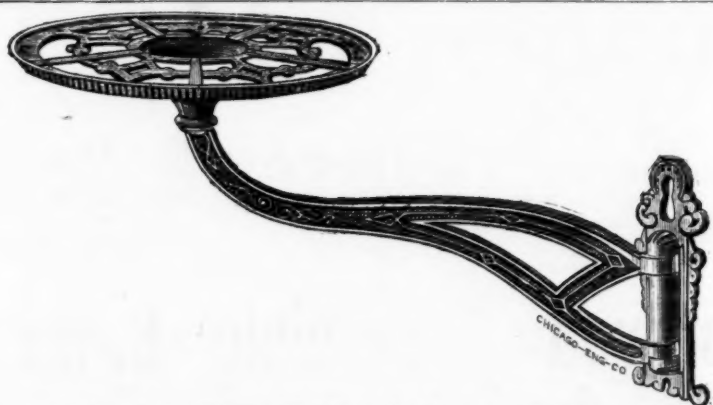
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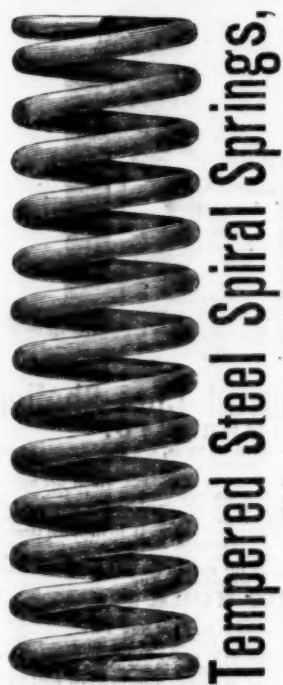
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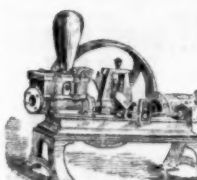
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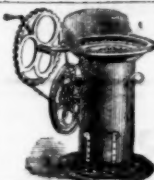
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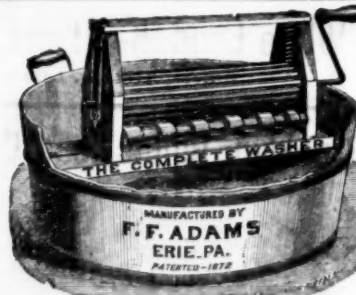
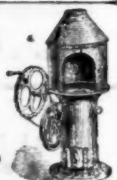
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We illustrate on this page two improvements in scissors which tend to greatly increase their utility and the ease and rapidity with which they are handled. The first of these is intended particularly for the use of dry goods salesmen and machine operators, but will be found convenient by many others. This form is shown in Fig. 1. The peculiarity is in the form of the handles, which terminate in rings, allowing the tool to be used as an ordinary shears, by inserting the second and third fingers in the rings, thus giving additional power and efficiency. By placing the thumb and little finger in the rings, the scissors may be used as clippers, ap-



Fig. 1.

plying the thumb and forefinger of the hand to either side of the blades, to clip the selvage of cloth or the thread of the machine in sewing. The great advantage of the new scissors, when used in this manner, is that the hand is left free to handle or measure goods, tie bundles or use the pencil, or to guide the work of the sewing machine, retaining the scissors at the same time in such a position that they may be used at any moment for the different purposes desired. The round pointed scissors are adapted for gentlemen's use, and are intended to be carried in the pocket. Fig. 2 represents a pair of scissors of this style for ladies' use. Messrs.



Fig. 2.

Bruder & Wilks, 333 Broadway, are bringing out this improved form.

Fig. 3 illustrates another improvement, by which scissors and knife are combined in one. They can be used for either purpose without interference. The knife pushes by a spring back into the blade when not in use. The figure shows the improvement as applied to gentlemen's scissors, the blade extended; it is applied in the same manner to those with sharp points for ladies' use. These scissors can be used not only for cutting but for paring the nails,



Fig. 3.

sharpening lead pencils, erasing blots, opening letters, cutting button holes, or for any other purpose for which knife or scissors may be employed, and without impairing the convenience of either. The knife blade if broken can easily be replaced. This form is manufactured and for sale by the Johnson Knife and Scissors Company, of 90 Warren street, New York city.

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The Zanesville, Ohio, *Courier* prints a letter in possession of a gentleman of that city, written by a patriotic iron master of revolutionary times:

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Ever loving wife, after remembering my love to you, I must inform you that I arrived at this place last Tuesday; we had a very long passage, and the men of war was but a little behind us; they arrived within four miles the next day, where they now lay anchored—our army have had a long engagement and have come off with considerable loss; it is said they have taken seven hundred of our men and killed seven or eight hundred more; it is reported that the enemy have lost more men than we have—among those of our men that are taken their is Lord Starling and Gen. Solovian, and they have let him go upon the promise of honor to our Continental Congress—Sum says that he is sent from Lord How to apply for conditions of peace, but Gen. Putnam told me that he was gone to exchange prisoners, and that was all his award. It appears to me that our people intend to deliver up New York soon, and fortify a little further up; they have already delivered up all our forts upon Long Island and the Governor's Island, and the enemy are very thick upon Long Island, just opposite against us, where we can fire across with small arms. There is a large incampment in sight of this place, and they are incamped four miles further east upon Long Island. But we are not discouraged; yet this is no more than what might be expected, so long as more than half the inhabitation of Long Island are Tories. I have nothing more remarkable to write; my company is generally well, and so most of the regiment. York Records, a negro fellow in company, died with the small pox rum time ago; their is none of it now. Jophna Tower, a young lad in my com-

pany, was exceeding sick with the camp fever when I got here and the next day died. I have none sick with it now. I should have sent him some money now, but we have not drawn any as yet, by reason of these difficulties, but expect to draw soon. I want the gitting of iron ore to be forwarded as much as possible, and also laying in for coal as much as possible. J. Beaty, that is my brother, and Nathan, would exhort themselves. Let them leave no stone unturned in forwarding the furnace affairs. I shall be at home in two months if nothing extraordinary happens. Since I began to write this letter, our people have concluded to keep New York if possible, and are fortifying with all speed. I have nothing more extraordinary to write, but subscribe myself your loving husband,
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A Scrap of Early Railway History.

A recent number of the Philadelphia *Sunday Dispatch* says:

"Of similar interest was an experiment by Thomas Leiper, in order to show the uses and importance of railroads for the purposes of transportation. The experimental railroad—the first ever laid down in America—was set up in September, in the large yard attached to the Bull's Head Tavern. In Third street, above Calowhill, in the Northern Liberties. Professor Robert Patterson, of the University of Pennsylvania, Callender Irvine, Superintendent of the United States Mint, and John Glenn, agent for Thomas Leiper, certified that they were present at a satisfactory experiment by Thomas Leiper, of this city, of the great utility of rail-

roads for the conveyance of heavy burdens—an improvement which, a few years ago, was introduced into England and some other parts of Europe—as in many cases a cheap and valuable substitute for canals. In the above experiment a railroad was laid of two parallel courses of oak scantling, about four feet apart, supported on blocks or sleepers about eight feet from each other. On this railroad, which had an ascent of one and a half inches in a yard, or two degrees and twenty-three minutes, a single horse, under the disadvantage of a path of loose earth to walk on, hauled up a four-wheeled carriage, loaded with the enormous weight of ninety-five and a half hundred, or ten thousand six hundred and ninety-six pounds."

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In the notice of these experiments in the *United States Gazette*, of September 29th, 1800, it was said:

"Nor can we close this brief notice of an interesting work without paying a merited tribute of applause to the patriotic enterprise of the gentleman who has been the first in America to engage in it; and we hope he may derive as much advantage from it as such an example to the public fully entitles him to."

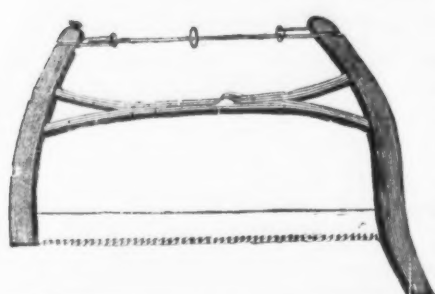
But Mr. Leiper was not content with the mere demonstration of a theory. He desired something practical. In the *Aurora*, of September 27th, Thomas Leiper and George G. Leiper invited proposals for contracts 'for digging part of a railroad from our quarries on Crum Creek to our landing in Ridley, Delaware county. The distance and level, ascertained by Reading Howell, is exactly three-quarters of a mile.' They also desired to contract for making and laying the rail part of the same, consisting of wood. Specifications were to be furnished by Large & Winpenry, at their manufactory, adjoining the Bull's Head tavern, Northern Liberties."

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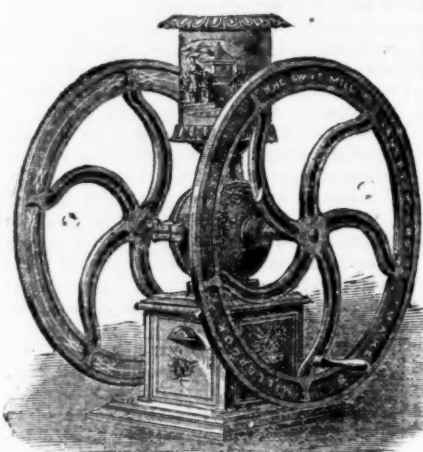
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The warm spring-like weather of the past ten days has at last given way to something more like winter, and we are now having a slight intimation of what we may expect before the season is over. The mildness of the season so far has, however, been an inestimable blessing to the poor, of whom we have our full proportion.

The general tone of business is very sluggish; in fact, there is no great animation in any department, and in many branches there is complete stagnation. It is, perhaps, too early yet, to form any definite opinion of what the year will be; but in the meantime, the prevailing feeling is to curtail expenses, and to keep business within the smallest possible limits. This, undoubtedly, is a safe course, but it is more than probable that if a little less grumbling was done, and a little more spirit shown, it would have a good effect, and lead to an improvement sooner than otherwise will be the case.

The coal trade is in the same inactive condition which has been noted for the past two or three weeks. The product in the Schuylkill district, for the week ending 1st January, shows a reduction of seventy-five per cent. compared with the corresponding week last year, and the decrease for the whole year, as compared with the preceding one, is over thirty per cent. The outlook of the trade for the coming year is still clouded in uncertainty, though the operators, as well as the carrying companies, express quite a hopeful feeling. The present stock of coal, it is thought, will be pretty well worked off before the period usual for the opening of next year's traffic, and it is possible, the trade in all its branches, the current year, may considerably improve.

The following extract from the report of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company is worthy of consideration, showing the folly of strikes and the immense loss attendant upon them:

"The principal feature in the business of the past season, and the cause of the largely decreased traffic, has been a prolonged strike in the Anthracite coal region, which for six months deprived the company of nearly its entire coal tonnage, and very materially reduced its receipts from other traffic which is always dependent upon the coal trade. The trades union of the operatives in the coal mines, known as the Miners and Laborers Benevolent Association, ordered a strike to take place on the 1st of January, against a reduction of wages to take place upon that day. Upon the 15th of June the strike was practically ended, and between the last date and the 1st of July work was generally resumed by the men at the reduced wages.

"The strike was one of the most determined that has yet taken place, and was attended by so many acts of violence as to involve the necessity of large expenditures for police, and require the most constant vigilance in order to protect the property of the company from incendiarism and other acts of agrarian outrage. Some idea of the cost of such a strike, and of relative difference between receipts and expenditures, during the respective periods of idleness and activity, may be gained by the following figures:

	Tons.
Coal tonnage of the company for 6 months during strike	1,033,241.14
Coal tonnage of the company for 6 months of business	4,472,213.02

"The difference in results, however, is still greater, the business of the six months of the strike showing a net profit of only \$26,055.65, against a net profit of \$4,504,712.54 for the remaining six months.

"Although the immediate results of the strike have been so disastrous to the business of the company during the past year, it is believed that the determined stand taken during the struggle by the company, and by the individual coal operators, has resulted in permanently rescuing their property from the arbitrary control of an irresponsible trades union, which, for so many years, has interfered in, and frequently dictated its management, while the workmen themselves, being emancipated from the power of the political and professional agitators who have so long controlled them, will be equally benefited by the changed condition of affairs, and in many cases, by being absolved from obedience to rules which limited the amount of the daily product of their labor, have been able to earn more money than before the reduction in wages took place."

In the iron trade there appears to be no change whatever, and there are no special grounds upon which to base hopes of an improvement, unless it be in the fact that the Centennial Exposition will put a large amount of money in circulation, and that the railways will be benefited so largely as to enable them to make large expenditures, which will eventually be so far-reaching in its effects as to infuse new life into every department of trade.

There is one feature in the trade of our city which is very gratifying, viz., the continued growth of our export trade. The increase for the year just closed is about 10 per cent. greater than for the preceding year, and with increased facilities for transportation and handling freight and with the permanent establishment of an additional line to Liverpool, there is every reason to anticipate a larger increase the coming year than in any previous season. This expectation is based upon the fact that Philadelphia, by reason of the unrivalled facilities afforded by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, naturally controls the trade of a large extent of country, and its terminal facilities are vastly superior to that of any other American seaport. For instance, goods may be shipped from Chicago or any Western city, and be delivered by rail directly alongside the steamships without involving any expenditure of carting, ware-

housing or handling in any shape; or imports may be made in precisely the same manner. Those who have had experience of the unavoidable delays and expenses of handling goods in a city like New York will understand the significance of facts like these. Our total exports for the year amount to \$32,000,000, of which Great Britain and her colonies took more than half, viz., \$18,000,000. Our capitalists are beginning to appreciate the natural advantages possessed by Philadelphia, and while there is nothing spasmodic in her growth or business operations, she is steadily and surely pushing her trade in every direction, both by sea and land, and bide fair to exceed the most sanguine predictions that have been made in regard to her future.

The Elimination of Sulphur from Iron.

In a paper lately read at a meeting of the South Staffordshire Mill and Forge Managers' Association, Mr. W. W. Heele said, after all that had been said by chemists and theorists, the fact remained that sulphur could only be eliminated from iron by the two processes already known and practiced by the trade—"puddling" and "physicking." It was, nevertheless, an open question whether they practiced these two processes to the greatest advantage. Proceeding to show what had been done, and what results had followed, the author, after elaborately describing both iron and sulphur, said that in puddling sulphur was the last thing which was got rid of, and it was got rid of by burning, though, if they liked, they might term it "oxidizing." How was it, then, he asked, that with their certain knowledge that sulphur could be removed by the addition of "oxidizing fluxes," without at all increasing labor, and with very little, if any, increase of cost, they resorted so little to the use of these fluxes?

The reply was that, when they were used, the puddler wanted extra pay, asserting that the iron was "physicked." Instead of asking for extra pay, the puddler ought to be very glad that physick was used, for its introduction reduced his labor at the same time that it produced a better class of iron. When, however, the men had fairly tried physicking, they would be glad of the change. To secure the necessary purification, intense heat was needed. In puddling by the old methods this was impossible; and so long as that method remained in vogue, physicking was a necessity, and should be resorted to. With new plants, such as the Danks or Siemens, this was unnecessary. Still, even with those systems, he thought that better results could be obtained if some ingredients should be introduced which would cause a chemical reaction, and displace the sulphur more quickly and more effectually. Mr. Heele then gave interesting descriptions of the Siemens direct process, and of several other methods adopted by metallurgists on the Continent and in our own country, and dwelt upon the process patented by James Henderson, for "making the purest steel or wrought iron from the most inferior pig, and to thoroughly eliminate all sulphur, phosphorus and silicon." The materials which Henderson used were 100 parts Ringwood magnetic and titaniferous ores, and 40 parts of fluorspar. When the whole process had been sketched, Mr. Heele said that it had been proved frequently that as the percentage of manganese increased in pig iron, so did the percentage of sulphur decrease. For example, if in blast furnace work the ore and coke which, in the ordinary way, would produce a pig containing from 2 to 3 per cent. of sulphur, manganese ore should be added so as to put 2 per cent. of manganese into the pig, the sulphur would be reduced to .05 or .08 per cent.; but when 3 per cent. of manganese was found in pig iron, it never contained more than a slight trace of sulphur. As to the amount of phosphorus in iron, Mr. I. Lowthian Bell had stated that 30,000 tons of phosphorus were annually sent away in the iron of the Cleveland district alone. If this were converted into phosphoric acid, it would be worth £250,000 as manure. Remaining in the iron, it depreciated its value to the extent of £4,000,000, as compared with the same amount of hematite iron. This estimate, referring to one district alone, showed how vast would be the saving in respect of the aggregate product of the United Kingdom. There was, therefore, a wide field for chemical ingenuity in endeavoring to discover a method whereby the phosphorus could be successfully eliminated from the pig iron, and made into valuable manures. For the sake of discussion, he submitted the following propositions: (1) Sulphur could only be eliminated by the processes already known and practiced by the trade; (2) those processes were puddling and physicking; (3) mechanical puddling was the only puddling that could thoroughly effect the purpose; (4) if with their present plants, they could not effectually eliminate sulphur by puddling, ought they not to try to do so by physicking? (5) would it be desirable that their employers should pay a little more attention to the composition of the pig iron they were called upon to use, and let them have an analysis of the pigs so that they might have sure data to work upon? and, lastly, did they, as managers, pay sufficient attention to those matters, or were they quietly permitting their trade to drift into other channels, as some asserted, or was it that other places had greater natural facilities and advantages?

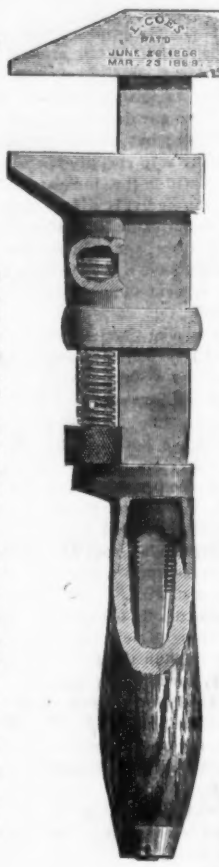
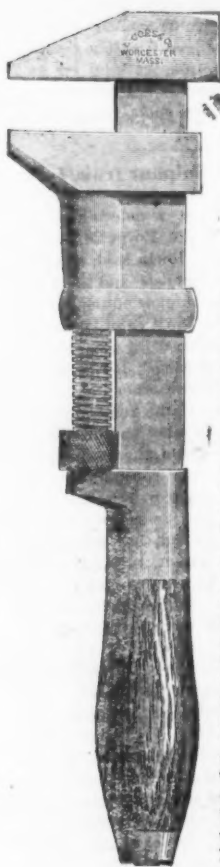
Messrs. Edwards, Rigby, Wright and the secretary took part in the discussion. Mr. Edwards thought that greater care should be exercised in the preliminary processes, so that the sulphur might be done away with before it got into the pig iron. The enemy should be detected by the pig makers and not allowed to escape from the blast furnaces; then there would not be the difficulty of getting rid of it when the pig iron reached the forge.

There was a general concurrence of view that the use of "oxidizing fluxes" was desirable; and experience, it was shown, was in their favor. Manganese, as a physick, was well spoken of.

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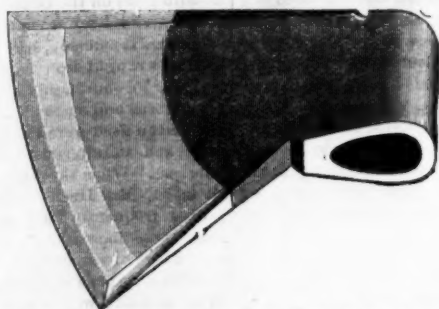
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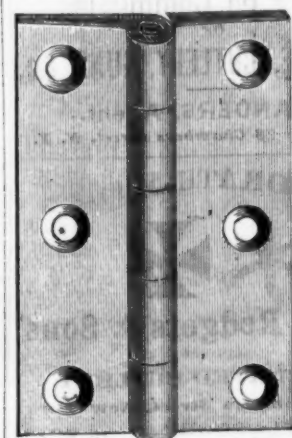
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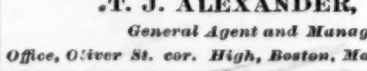
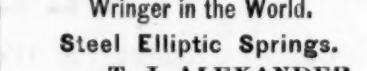
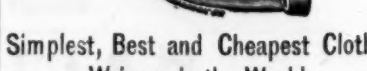
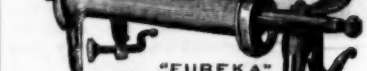
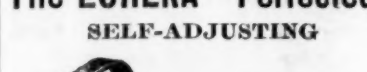
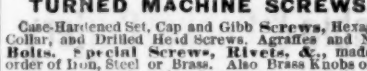
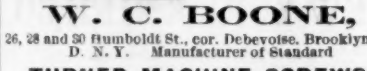
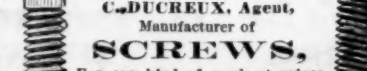
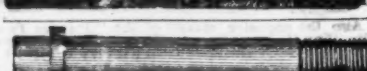
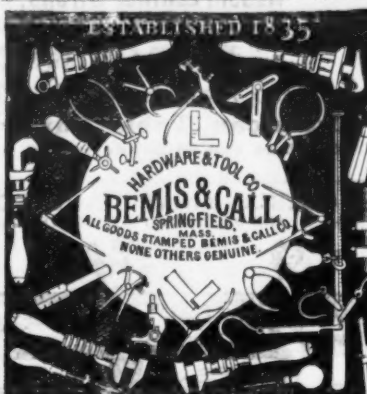
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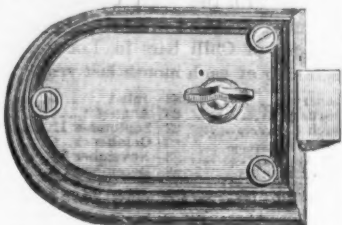




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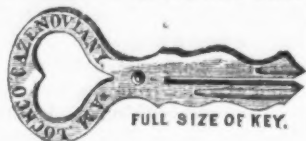
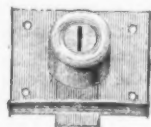
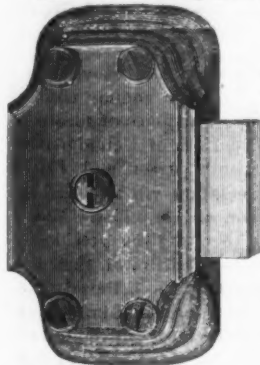
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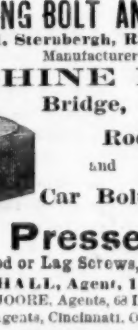
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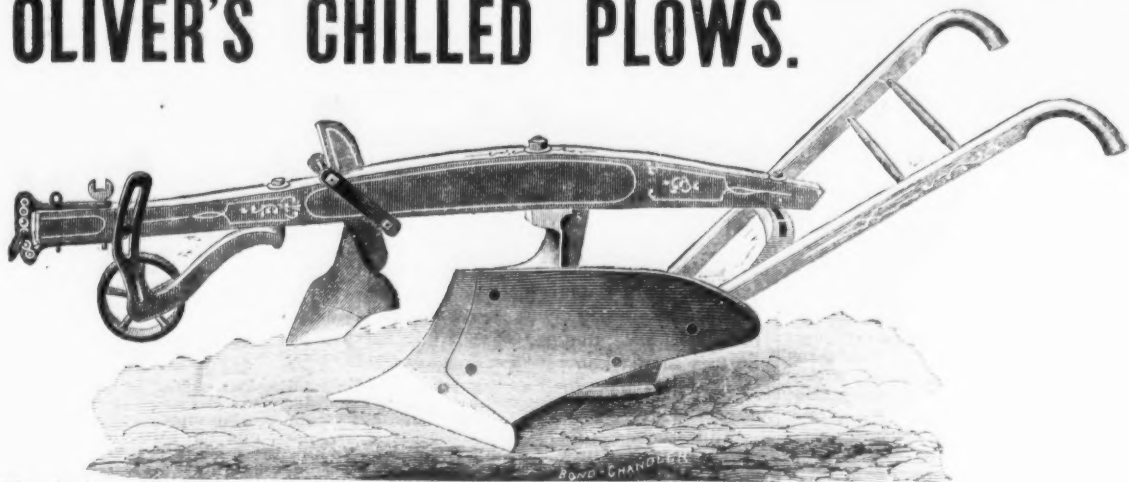
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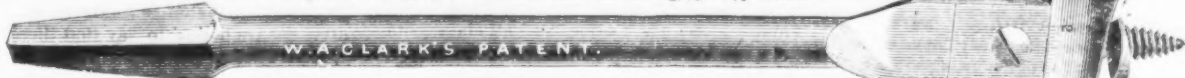
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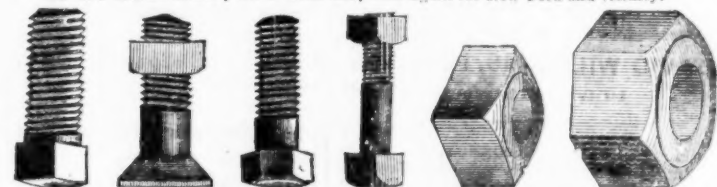
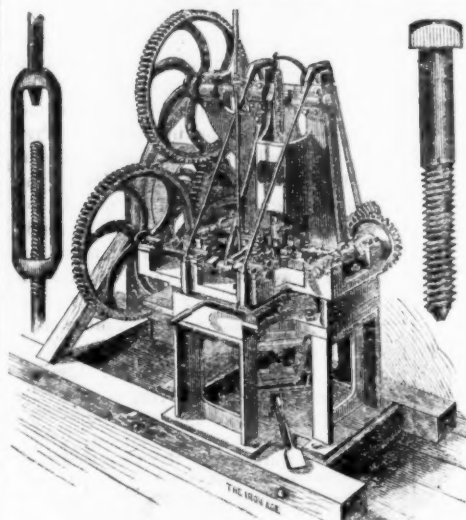
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its decision in the matter, it should be given without unnecessary delay. If it will give the money, the commissioners should know it now and be able to make use of the larger credit thus secured to the undertaking: If not, the delay caused by waiting for the decision of Congress may seriously embarrass the commission. The exhibition is to open in May next. A vast amount of work, involving large expenditures, must be done during the next four months, and the money which Congress is asked to appropriate is needed at once. If it is to be given at all, the commissioners should have the use of it now: if not, they should know it now, to the end that they may make their arrangements in accordance with the amount of money at their disposal.

We do not, however, consider that the question is one over which Congress need long hesitate. The circumstances of the case are peculiar. When the project was first taken in hand by its most active projectors, it was believed that the people of the country would subscribe the needed capital. No doubt they would have done so under ordinary conditions, but just at the time when the most vigorous efforts to secure subscriptions were making, the panic came, and all classes of the community have suffered so heavily from the shrinkage of values and the suspension of so many of our great productive industries, that but a small part of the money expected from other States have been received to supplement the liberal appropriations of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and the disproportionately large sums which the people of that State and city have subscribed. In the mean time, Congress and the President have done all in their power to internationalize the exhibition. They have invited foreign governments to participate, and the invitation has been accepted in good faith by nearly all civilized countries. The whole world, and particularly the people of the United States, have looked forward to the Centennial as an event of international importance, and the attitude of the government toward it from the first has been such that it cannot now say, "We are in no wise responsible for the success or failure of the enterprise, and will do nothing to help or hinder it." If the money which Congress is asked to appropriate is needed, as we are fully assured it is, and Congress is satisfied that it will be judiciously and honestly expended, it should be given promptly. Congress cannot do less than this. Should the Centennial fall short of complete and satisfactory success for want of such assistance, such failure would be a national mortification and disgrace. No explanations would excuse the fact that we had attempted a great undertaking and failed to carry it through to a successful completion. We should suffer deeply in our national pride, our claims to national greatness would be laughed at and ridiculed for years to come by foreign nations, and we should enter upon the second century of our national existence with a humiliating sense of the ridiculous figure we had made before the world after so loud a flourish of trumpets. We may call the exhibition local, if we will, but, should it fail, the West and South would feel the mortification and shame as deeply as Pennsylvania or New York. Congress cannot be indifferent to these considerations, and we have no doubt the desired appropriation will be made, but nothing will be gained by a further coquetting with this obvious duty. An appropriation in aid of the Centennial will establish no precedent which can be pleaded by those seeking aid from the national treasury in building railroads or carrying out private schemes of any kind. Let us have all the economy in public expenditures to which Congress is pledged—and the more the better—but only a blind and niggardly policy would now withhold from the Centennial as appropriation, when money was freely given to secure a favorable representation of American interests at Paris and Vienna.

"Hard Times" in England.

Whether times are "harder" here or in Great Britain, it would be difficult just now to say. Probably the iron masters of each nation think their neighbors across the Atlantic better off than themselves; but were they to change places, it may be doubted if they would be any better satisfied than they are at present. An article in *Ryland's Iron Trades Circular* of the 18th ult. presents us a graphic summary of the condition of affairs in the principal iron making districts of Great Britain, from which we quote as follows:

The process of cheapening the make of finished iron goes on very slowly. But on all sides it is admitted that no revival in demand can be expected until wages are materially reduced. In the great iron centers of the North we are informed, by the highest authority, "the distress caused by the stoppage of the rail mills and other finished iron works is increasing, as every week more workmen, having exhausted

their means, are added to those seeking relief. The area of suffering is also increasing, for pitmen and other workmen in the county of Durham, especially within the Bishop Auckland district, have been thrown out of work through the entire or partial stoppage of collieries. At Middlesbrough, this week, relief has been afforded in the shape of soup and bread, provided by public subscriptions. One works was restarted on Monday at Middlesbrough, but the extent of the distress has not thereby been diminished, as others have been stopped. At Stockton and South Stockton large numbers of men have been out of employ for some time, for whom some provision has also been attempted. At Darlington about 300 men have this week been paid off at one of the works.

Many of the men in the district have gone on the union funds. Others endure great privation rather than accept parish relief. A circular has just been sent out, signed by the president and other officers of the Iron Workers' Union to the trades unions of the United Kingdom, making an urgent appeal for the "distressed who are without food or fire, or means of securing support of any kind; even assistance from the parish has been denied. We are, therefore, driven to seek assistance from our fellow workmen in different parts of the country." It is added that some of the employers have offered the workmen employment at a reduction of 10% per week, which would place the men in the North of England in a worse position than the men of Wales, the reduction being equal to a third of the total wages paid. It is further stated that the funds of the association are nearly exhausted, as some of the works have been standing for months, and there is no sign of any improvement in trade.

While there is more or less privation among the iron makers and miners in this country, we are happy to say that there is no district where a parallel could be found to the condition of affairs above described. Nor do the prospects of the English iron trade seem so good as ours. While we are looking for some improvement next year, the British iron authorities say that any renewal of prosperity is simply impossible in the present condition of the home and foreign markets. Beside the inevitable reduction in wages the prices of ores and coal must come down considerably before a revival of profitable production can be looked for. The journal before quoted says of the outlook for the trade: "Pigs are acknowledged to be cheap and out of all comparison with the price of the finished product. It will be months before any material change will be made in the prices of manufactured irons, but we may say, without any attempt at prophecy, that a lower range of prices is 'looming in the distance.' A more comprehensive picture of the condition of the pig iron trade is given by the *London Daily News* of December 17th, in an article from which we quote the following:

Roughly speaking, it may be said that a third of the blast furnaces in the Cleveland ironmasters' district are out of blast; that in West Cumberland a larger proportion is similarly idle, and that in the Barrow district a similar state of affairs prevails. In the first and most important of these districts, the highest authority in the iron trade has described the state of affairs as 'calamitous,' and every week fresh additions are made to the list of northern iron works laid idle, and every week the distress among iron workers seems increasing. At Glaisdale and West Hartlepool all the blast furnaces are off work; at Newport on the Tees the bulk are unemployed, and from Easton to Consett, every center of the iron trade sees many of these huge ore smelters laid idle.

This, then, is the result of the commercial policy which, we are told, has made England the world's great producer and exporter of iron! This is the prosperity we have been invited to share by those who have tried to create a public opinion in favor of the abolition of so much of the tariff as affords protection to home manufactures in the home markets. From our standpoint, it looks very much as if England were no better off, all things considered, than we are. Evidently, free trade is not a safeguard against commercial depression and industrial stagnation, and we doubt if it is altogether satisfactory in its workings to the English iron masters, who find themselves compelled to compete, even for tuppenny home orders, with agents of Belgian manufactures who claim to be making a profit out of prices which do not cover cost in England.

Aspect of the General Copper Market.

No other metal has fluctuated so little since the great London failures in March last year, as copper. This steadiness is due in a great measure to the check which speculation between Chili and London received by reason of these very failures. When cable communication was opened to Valparaiso, the London copper speculators were too glad to avail themselves of the opportunity for converting Chili bars into a sort of shuttle-cock, and the usual machinery was set on foot for dealing in "futures" on paper, i. e. cargoes or parts of cargoes afloat or to be shipped by either sail or steam. But failures in South America in consequence of those in London, curbed these speculative tendencies, and the dealings were restricted to a more legitimate trade between consignees of the metal on the one hand, and actual consumers on the other. An occasional speculative purchase and sale had thenceforward to be backed by a solid margin, which discouraged the operators who had been in the habit of venturing upon extensive transactions without adequate means. The copper market was thus left to the influence of the natural laws of trade from the beginning of the season, and there is

no prospect that this stricter basis for a more solid trade will be abandoned in the dealings with the West Coast during the present year. The following table shows the price of Chili bars in London at the beginning of each month last year:

January 1.....	83	July 1.....	83
February 1.....	83	August 1.....	79
March 1.....	82	September 1.....	83
April 1.....	80	October 1.....	82
May 1.....	83	November 1.....	82
June 1.....	83	December 1.....	81

On the 1st instant they stood £81. 10/. While prices varied but little, the stock on hand in England and France, as well as the visible supply, kept almost as steady, notwithstanding the extraordinary excess of imports over exports in the former country. The following shows the statistical position of the metal during 1875:

STOCK ON HAND.	1875.	1876.	VISIBLE SUPPLY.	1875.	1876.
Jan. 1.....	30,698	Jan. 1.....	30,722		
Feb. 1.....	21,008	Feb. 1.....	30,105		
March 1.....	30,990	March 1.....	32,342		
April 1.....	33,365	April 1.....	32,758		
May 1.....	33,514	May 1.....	30,551		
June 1.....	33,530	June 1.....	29,608		
July 1.....	27,784	July 1.....	30,084		
August 1.....	22,828	August 1.....	29,704		
Sept. 1.....	23,022	Sept. 1.....	32,342		
Oct. 1.....	23,338	Oct. 1.....	30,456		
Nov. 1.....	23,549	Nov. 1.....	32,535		
Dec. 1.....	30,885	Dec. 1.....	32,222		

The London failures had the effect of causing merchants and consumers in France to draw direct from Chili the bulk of copper which they stood in need of; hence the enormous difference in the amount exported from England compared with the quantity imported—France in normal times preferring to procure bars from England.

According to the Board of Trade returns, England imported in the shape of ore, regulus, pyrites and bars or ingots, during the first eleven months of 1875, the large quantity of 70,549 tons, and re-exported but 47,159 tons in the shape of copper and its manufactures. In 1874 the imports were 64,550 tons, and the exports 56,134; in 1873, 63,289 tons, against 51,445 tons. In spite of this excess of 23,390 tons imported, the stock at Liverpool and Swansea, on Dec. 15, 1875, was but 12,004 tons of fine, against 10,400 tons in 1874; 21,600 tons in 1873, and 23,400 tons in 1872. This shows that the surplus had been delivered to consumers, and this increase in the deliveries can only be satisfactorily explained in one of two ways: Either England consumes more copper than ever before, or manufacturers have accumulated a large stock of their goods. We are inclined to believe that the latter is the case, for making every allowance for the admitted increase of consumption of copper for phosphor bronze, and apportioning a goodly share of this extra use to England, it can hardly be supposed that this new alloy absorbed any considerable share of that which has disappeared in the English market. On the Continent this is different. We know to a certainty that in 1875 the consumption of copper was largely increased by new uses, and that any augmentation which there may have been in production anywhere outside of the United States, will just cover the difference and no more.

There are no indications that, outside of this country, production has increased materially. Chili, in 1874, exported 48,253 tons, against 42,177 in 1873. During the first nine months of 1875 the export from that country amounted to 35,384 tons, against 34,980, 31,000 and 35,057 the previous three years, showing no notable increase. The actual cargoes made during 11½ months of 1875 were 45,400 tons, against 47,800 during the corresponding period in 1874, showing a decrease. Production in England slowly decreases, having been 4981 tons fine in 1874, against 5240 and 5703 the previous two years.

The world's general consumption has thus far been on the increase, for it stood as follows:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Tons.	78,079	78,079	69,291
	83,781		

When the statistics for 1875 shall be all at hand, it will probably be shown that the consumption of 1874 has been exceeded. As it cannot be denied, however, that the demand for the manufactures of copper has been far from brisk for anything but purposes of armament, we shall have to guard against the assumption that copper will continue to be absorbed readily till business, both in Europe and this country, resumes its normal activity. The extra war demand in Europe has been very beneficial in its way, and has prevented a heavy decline, but it cannot be relied upon as continuous. On the contrary, the main expenditure for the new artillery has, we believe, been made, and copper is thus handed back to the normal influences of actual consumption by the people at large on the one hand, and the fresh supply we may count upon on the other, and these influences will prevail in the end, the more so, since speculation in copper has, for the time being, been crippled, if not in our own midst, in Europe.

Should there be, as we suppose, a large accumulation of manufactures of copper

in England, and the war demand on the Continent cease, or be at least greatly diminished, we may, in the absence of a speculative support, soon witness receding values in the London market, especially if charters on the West Coast are resumed on a liberal scale.

In the United States we are no better off. We are fully aware that the demand for the manufactures of copper has been comparatively light nearly throughout the past year, and that goods have accumulated, the deliveries of raw copper to consumers having been on a most liberal scale. If the signs do not mislead us, we need not, therefore, look forward to a high ruling of copper values during the present year, and producers will have reason to be satisfied if they can sustain present prices.

The Semi-Annual Convention of Stove Manufacturers.

The National Association of Stove Manufacturers will hold their annual winter meeting in this city. The place of meeting will be one of the parlors of Delmonico's, corner of Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. The Association will be called to order at 11 a. m. on the 20th inst. Members are requested to notify the president, Mr. S. S. Jewett, of Buffalo, of their intention to be present. It is believed that the meeting will be a large and important one. New York is the most convenient of all places of meeting at this season of the year, as nearly all manufacturers have some business here to attend to, and can make it more convenient to come here than to go to any other city. During the past three years the Association has gained an important position of influence, as nationally representative in character and purpose. It has already been instrumental in conferring important benefits upon manufacturers in placing a wholesome restraint upon the unreasonable and disastrous competition which previously characterized the trade; and has done much to promote a mutuality of sympathy and interest among manufacturers who had previously known each other only as bitter and uncompromising competitors. The dangers which at one time menaced its usefulness, if not its life, have been safely tided over, and many of those who looked with most distrust upon the association when first organized, are now convinced of its stability and usefulness. We can promise our friends of the East, West and South a generous welcome, and a visit full of interest. The occasion will be a pleasant one to all who may attend the convention as members or guests of the association. We are not informed what questions of importance to the trade are to be discussed, but under the wise and prudent direction of Mr. Jewett, whose ripe good sense, clear intelligence and extensive experience so conspicuously qualify him for the position of presiding officer, we may expect a harmonious debate leading to conclusions favorable to the best interests of the whole trade.

Imports of Metals at New York.

During the year ended with December, the total imports of general merchandise entered at the port of New York showed a considerable falling off as compared with previous years. A comparison of some of the items will be of interest to our readers:

	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
Iron bars.....	\$793,805	\$838,888	\$3,381,835	\$5,135,034
Iron pig.....	631,492	936,561	2,317,848	9,940,410
Iron R. R.....	419,587	5,099,006	9,051,563	9,485,512
Iron sheet.....	349,116	518,511	5,277,028	395,518
Copper.....	68,334	143,461	1,364,886	1,455,387
Lead.....	275,216	1,389,318	1,770,756	2,187,201
Spelter.....	64,368	122,691	306,910	473,202
Zinc.....	309,590	272,258	307,069	546,333
Tin and tin plates.....	8,066,692	10,676,886	10,885,775	10,561,611
Steel.....	1,086,713	1,338,227	2,466,375	2,771,794

These comparisons are interesting as showing the annual ratio of decline in the demands of this market for foreign metals since the panic, as compared with the year in which the panic occurred. The only item among our imports of metals showing an increase in 1875 over the two years preceding is zinc. The quantity has materially declined, but, owing to the high price of the metal, the total value shows the increase noted.

Once more the mechanics engaged in the shipbuilding trades have adopted a policy calculated to drive business away from New York. This time the calkers have struck against a reduction from \$4 to \$3.50 per day. The consequences of this strike are that several thousand men are idle, and the work they should be doing is going elsewhere. The men who have adopted this suicidal course would do well to remember that, by similar follies years ago, they broke up the shipbuilding business in and about New York, and compelled the establishment of yards further south, where labor is cheaper and more tractable. As a consequence, Wilmington, Chester, Philadelphia, and points along the New Jersey shore, have built up an extensive business in the construction and repair of wooden and iron ships, largely upon business

driven away from New York. Calkers' wages have suffered no material reduction for several years, and few branches of labor requiring no more skill or intelligence are as well paid as would be that of calking at \$3.50 per day. To refuse these wages at this time, and go out in strike in the midst of a winter like this, when those who have work on any terms are fortunate, is sheer madness. This is part of the curse of trade unionism, and until our workmen can throw off the chains of servitude to a system which makes them voluntary slaves to an irresponsible and despotic power of their own creation, we shall continue to witness such anomalies as this latest and most unreasonable strike. For the sake of the individuals comprising this trade, as well as of the community, we certainly hope the calkers' union will suffer utter and unconditional defeat. They have no grievance to complain of, no wrongs to right; and they cannot justly claim public sympathy, nor are they in the least likely to receive it under the circumstances.

The good free traders of Canada do not like to see foreign manufactures brought into the country. The *Halifax Reporter*, speaking of the importation of stoves from Philadelphia for the Intercolonial Railway, says: "It appears, so far as the 'secret policy of a government can be made out from carefully managed and 'closely manipulated proceedings, that 'the government have determined upon 'reducing the manufacturing element, of 'the Dominion to the lowest possible degree of weakness." We are sorry the manufacturers of Canada feel so badly about it. If, however, they cannot make railroad stoves in competition with Philadelphia founders, after stealing American patterns for a dozen years, we should think they had better give up the experiment and try some other line.

New Publications.

THE INVENTION OF PRINTING. Illustrated. By Theo. L. DeVine. Part I. Francis Hart & Co., 12 and 14 College Place, New York.

This is a "collection of facts and opinions descriptive of early prints and playing cards, the block books of the 15th century, the legend of Laurens Janszoon Coster, of Haarlem, and the work of John Gutenberg and his associates." The part before us consists of 112 pages on cold pressed paper, wide margins, uncut leaves, with typography that leaves nothing to be desired. This part is profusely illustrated. The list of illustrations proposed is very large, and the illustrations themselves would form a valuable volume.

We note among the subjects illustrated the following: The different methods of printing; antique methods of impression; key to the invention—different articles used; image prints, being fac-similes; printed playing cards of early dates; Chinese printing; early book making; block books without text; block books with text. Under each of these heads there are a number of illustrations, a large proportion of which, in this part, are reproductions of ancient prints. From the prospectus we gather that the author's object was to produce a work with reference to the needs of the general reader and the printer. The present number treats of the development of the mechanical features of early printing, and does it in a very interesting way, avoiding the absurd controversies in regard to various points, and giving those facts and data which are useful and interesting to the reader. It is intended that the work shall present, in a compact form, the substance of modern knowledge concerning the invention of printing. And certainly, if the first part is a fair index of the character of the remainder, it will be all, and much more, than what the modest prospectus claims for it. In style and material it is worthy of great praise. It will be issued at intervals of about 6 weeks, and will be complete in five parts.

HOW TO BUILD SHIPS: An essay upon the weakness of large iron steamships, with recommendations for making them strong. By S. P. Griffin. D. Van Nostrand, 23 Murray.

The author of this little book signs himself, upon the title page, "A Seaman," and his remarks in the body of the work show that he has a knowledge of the treatment which a vessel receives when outside in heavy weather. After discussing the weakness of some of our large ocean steamers, built in strict accordance with the rules laid down by Lloyd's, and showing the great difference between the resisting power of a vessel on even keel and one thrown down upon her side in a heavy sea, the author takes up and illustrates some plans of his own for giving a ship strength at the points of weakness. From the manner in which the behavior of ships at sea, and of the repairs necessary on reaching a port are treated, one is led to give weight to the opinions of the author, who seems to be a practical man. The number of instances in which large first-class steamers have returned from voyages, and have been found seriously damaged, is becoming much too large, while the number of ships lost at sea, of which no tidings have ever been received, gives uneasiness to all who have given the subject much attention. For these reasons the little work is worth careful perusal and serious attention. It is evident that a reform in the matter of ship building is needed, and every indication of careful consideration on the subject is a cause for congratulation. The following are some of the topics touched upon: ship's girders; the change from wood to iron; durability; framing; first

iron vessels; magnitude of waves and nature of sea strains; danger line; deficient tying; danger from rolling; line of greatest weakness; the cylindrical form; half distance frame; bilge keels; decks; cause of hogged steamships; repairs; and lastly, strong steamships a special Providence.

MARTINDALE'S UNITED STATES LAW DIRECTORY FOR 1875-6. By James B. Martindale, 293 and 295 Broadway.

This work contains "The names of one or more of the most reliable law firms and real estate agents in each of the principal cities and towns of the United States and Canada," and an extensive digest of the commercial law of each of the States and Territories. It also has the bankrupt law in full, with forms and rules of court. The work contains 813 pages, usual law library style, and appears to be a work of great value for the business man whose dealings extend outside of his own immediate neighborhood.

SAFETY VALVES. By Richard N. Buell, C. E. Science Series. D. Van Nostrand, 23 Murray street, New York.

This little work, reprinted from the *Railroad Gazette*, was undertaken for the purpose of bringing into form available for every one all the necessary information in regard to safety valves. The writer did not aim to produce much that was original, but has gathered from all possible sources a great deal of useful and valuable information not commonly accessible. The problems arising in relation to the proportioning safety valves have been systematized in such a way that they may be solved by those who have but an elementary education. In fact, any engineer who has any knowledge of arithmetic can by the aid of this little work solve any of the problems he is likely to encounter connected with a safety valve. At the same time the methods requiring a much higher knowledge are also presented, so that the methods are suited for all. The author well says, in the preface, that the importance of having the general principles of safety valves understood by those who are charged with the care of steam machinery, cannot well be overestimated. Yet, by far too large a proportion of our engineers are careless or ignorant in regard to this matter. "With a safety valve that is in reality all which its name implies, a large proportion of the risks incident to the use of boilers will be avoided; while, on the other hand, a safety valve, which is only such in name, is one of the readiest assistants to a disastrous explosion. In the body of the work we have: 1st. The requisite qualifications of a safety valve. 2d. Proportioning the parts for given pressures, under which we have the experimental method, graphical method, and the analytical method. 3d. Proper diameter for safety valve. 4th. Proper form for given lift. 5th. Merits of valves loaded with weights and springs. Under each of these heads we have examples, tables and cuts when necessary, and a variety of information. An appendix is added. We should be glad to know that this little volume was in the hands of every engineer in the country. Certainly we should have fewer inoperative safety valves and much less danger if some of the simple directions here given were followed.

New Dangers at Sea.

The *London Times*, in an article commenting on the Bremerhaven explosion, says:

The recent deplorable catastrophe at Bremerhaven has once more drawn attention to the fact that time and money still continue to be expended and talent wasted and misapplied in devising the most refined methods of executing the most dastardly and diabolical designs. Mechanical skill appears to be laid under special contributions in these matters, although it can scarcely be doubted that those whose skillful hands contrive these cunning devices are perfectly innocent of the intended application of their handiwork. As far as we at present know, he whose wasted life has just been closed by a pistol bullet at Bremerhaven employed an apparatus, consisting of a hammer, which was to strike a blow on some explosive substance at the end of a predetermined time, and which hammer was actuated by clock work. No precise description of the machine has as yet been given, although the exact particulars will doubtless transpire during the judicial inquiry. It is, however, by no means improbable that the mechanical arrangement will prove to be very much like one which was designed for a similar dastardly purpose nearly three years since. As stated in the letter of a correspondent, writing over the signature of "Warhawk," and which appeared in the *Times* of the 23d inst., there was at that time a conspiracy to ship a quantity of highly insured but worthless goods on board one of the Messageries Maritimes Company's vessels either at Bordeaux or Marseilles. With the goods was to be shipped an infernal machine, which at a given time was to explode, cause the destruction of the ship, and bring the conspirators their miserable reward. This machine consisted of a chest, containing a powerful explosive compound and an exploding apparatus. The principle of the exploder was that of the needle gun, a needle being driven into a primed cartridge and causing the explosion of the whole mass of the compound.

The mechanism consisted of a needle or striker, set in a bolt, at the other end of which was a spiral spring held in a tube. When the bolt was forced back into the tube there was, of course, a powerful pressure behind it tending to push it outward and to drive the needle into the cartridge. In order to hold the bolt back until the proper moment for the discharge had arrived, a catch or stud was formed on it, which was made to engage with a horizontal lever, having a hammer shaped head. The lever was connected with springs so arranged as to have a constant tendency to release its head from the catch. This tendency, however,

was counteracted by a broad disc of metal which, being placed close against the lower part of the lever head, held it in its place in front of the catch on the needle bolt. In the disc was cut a notch sufficiently deep to allow the lever head to drop into it when that part of the disc was presented to it, and so to release the needle bolt. The disc was revolved by a train of clock work so speeded as that the disc should travel a given distance in a definite time. The edge of the disc was marked with a number of spaces, one space representing a day and the edge would travel through that space in one day. Assuming the disc to be marked into ten portions, and the machine to be required to explode in eight days, the lever would be set at the eighth mark from the notch. The clockwork would then be started, and the disc would revolve until, at the end of the eighth day, the notch would arrive at the lever head, which would be forced into the notch by its springs. The needle bolt would thus be released, and being impelled sharply forward by the powerful spiral spring at its rear would cause the explosion of the cartridge, and so of the whole mass of the explosive compound. Thus would be consummated a catastrophe from which it is probable no living soul would escape to record it. It is by no means certain that the miscreant Thomas was connected with the conspiracy in which this infernal machine was to have been used, although circumstances favored the supposition that he was. If he was, the publicity given to the matter at the time and the fact of the mechanism of the machine having become known would probably cause him to substitute a hammer falling on an explosive substance, for a needle penetrating a cartridge. And the matter would be by no means difficult; for, after all what we have, described is little more than a needle gun lock released by clockwork instead of by hand, and Thomas would only have to apply the principle of the percussion lock to his apparatus. This is what he probably did, as accounts tell us of the table broken by the force of the blow of the hammer when the machine was tried. How the fatal explosion came about is not quite clear, and possibly it never will be made any clearer than it is at the present time. It is to be accounted for on either one of two hypotheses—it may have arisen from the premature release of the hammer, or striker, by reason of a derangement of the machinery, caused by a violent concussion such as a fall would produce; or it may have been due to the explosion of the destructive agent itself from the same cause. The latter hypothesis, however, opens up the question of the nature of the explosive—whether it was pure nitro-glycerine or one of its compounds, lithofracteur or dynamite. If it was nitro-glycerine and it had become crystallized, which will happen at a temperature of about 43° Fahrenheit, a very moderate concussion would be sufficient to explode it; if it was lithofracteur or dynamite, the same temperature would only harden it and render it more inert than when in its plastic condition. This point was exemplified during some experiments carried out with lithofracteur in Wales, before the War Office Committee on Explosives, in February, 1872, and which were reported in the *Times* of the 23d of that month. There, upon igniting a sausage of lithofracteur with a capped fuse, the sausage being placed against a military stockade, only a portion of it exploded. A second attempt met with a similar result, while a third only caused the lithofracteur to take fire and burn. The cause of the inertness of the compound was the cold to which it had been exposed for some hours on a bleak hill top. This points to the conclusion that nitro-glycerine was the agent used, for it can hardly be supposed that proper care had not been taken to make the mechanism of the apparatus strong enough to resist the shocks to which transport would expose it. Moreover, the enormous and widespread mischief done appears to be greater than would have been effected by the quantity of dynamite which the box, if the size be rightly stated, could contain, but not more than would be produced by that bulk of pure nitro-glycerine. Beside, either lithofracteur or dynamite could have been procured on the Continent without exciting suspicion, whereas nitro-glycerine could not. The latter article, however, is freely used in some parts of the United States, and can be readily procured. Circumstances seem to point to nitro-glycerine as the agent which caused such widespread desolation at Bremerhaven. Other forms of infernal machines have been imported into the discussions which have arisen upon the Mosel catastrophe. Among these is the coal shell and the rat, of the latter of which there are two species. By the courtesy of the editor of *Iron*, we have recently had the opportunity of examining one of these coal shells, which came into his possession some two years and a half since. We are informed by him that, at the same time, two were sent as samples to a large colliery proprietor and coal shipper at Cardiff, who was offered any number. It is to be borne in mind, however, that the Pimoli question was being warmly agitated at that time, and it is assumed by some that these coal shells emanated from some unscrupulous upholder of the good cause Mr. Pimoli has in hand, with a view of strengthening his case. The coal shell is a hollow brass casting, representing a small lump of coal, about five inches long by three inches wide and two and one half inches deep. At each end is a hole for clearing out the core of the casting and afterward for filling it with the explosive compound. The object of these shells would appear to be not so much the destruction of the ship by their direct as by their indirect use. They were probably intended to be thrown among the coal in the bunkers, and with it shovelled into the furnace of a steam vessel. There they would explode under the boiler, and would probably by such means cause the loss of the

vessel. It is possible that the intention might have been to fill them with some material which would explode, either after a certain time or at the high temperature sometimes present in coal cargoes. But the somewhat open offer of them to a coal shipper, in the circumstances, would appear to point to no very vague and aimless an end that the opinion that they were intended to promote the Pimoli movement appears by no means unreasonable. The coal shells were evidently carefully moulded from a lump of coal, and when blacked readily deceive the eye. The "rats," of which there are two species, are of a more vicious nature. One species is intended to operate upon iron ships; the other upon wooden ones. The "iron ship rat" consists of a block of iron known as "Kendledge," which has a hole bored into it, in which is placed a tubular boring tool containing an acid. On the top of the boring tool is a lever, with a weight at its outer end, and this lever can work to and fro horizontally in a space cut out of the top of the Kendledge. The lever is, of course, carefully boxed in, and the surface of the iron restored. A confederate is required, who will place the machine in the right position—that is, with the bottom of the boring tool downward and on the iron skin of the vessel. Being so placed, the rolling of the ship causes the lever to move backward and forward, and the end of the tool to cut into the ship's plates, the action being promoted by the acid and by a slight pressure given to the boring tool by a spring. The terrible process may be somewhat slow, but is very sure. The wooden ship rat is a more complex machine, and possibly more ingenious. It consists of a box, in which are placed a pair of vertical cylinders, one at each end of the box, and spaced about five feet apart. In the center, between the two, is a horizontal cylinder, having a piston working in it, the rod passing through a stuffing box. The outer end of the piston rod works a ratchet drill, or auger, the auger being weighted. The two vertical cylinders are each half filled with water, and communicate with the horizontal cylinder by pipes, each having its own pipe leading to the end of the horizontal cylinder nearest to it. The consequence is that as the ship rolls the water alternately quits and returns to the vertical cylinders, and, acting first on one side of the piston and then on the other, communicates a reciprocating motion to the piston rod. This motion is converted into a rotary motion at the weighted auger, and in time a hole is bored through the plating of the ship, which gradually fills and may be lost before the seat of the leak is discovered. Provision is made for the release of the auger directly the hole has been bored and the resistance to it removed, when it silently drops through into the sea. Thus the hole is not plugged by the auger and the ends of villainy defeated. Should the hole be discovered and the box be examined, there is nothing in it, except to a professional eye, to show how the hole was produced. Like the iron rat, the wooden rat requires a confederate to place it well for its deadly work. Such are some of the devices for giving effect to one of the foulest offences against society.

The Danks Furnace in England.

In the course of an address before the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, in Scotland, Mr. H. R. Robson, president, said: To all shipbuilders, mechanical engineers, and others who use wrought iron upon a large scale, the production of that material at a cheap rate has become a matter of the utmost importance. On this account much inventive talent has been spent in recent years with a view of devising some thoroughly effective means for converting pig iron into wrought iron without depending so much upon manual labor. Several mechanical puddling furnaces have been brought under notice from time to time, but the general opinion now is, that to be really serviceable and economical, the puddling furnace of the future must itself rotate, so that while the iron of the charge is in the liquid state, and "coming to nature," it may be as completely and intimately exposed to the chemical influence of the oxygen of the air as is possible in the most perfect hand puddling. Chiefly through the exertions of the Iron and Steel Institute, and by the efforts and commercial enterprise of several English iron masters, there seems now to be good reason for believing that mechanical puddling has become a commercial success, or is upon the eve of entering the successful stage. The history of the subject during the last three or four years is invested with a great amount of interest alike to iron masters and engineers.

At the Dudley meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute, in 1871, a paper was read by Mr. Samuel Danks, of Cincinnati, on the revolving puddling furnace which he had invented and brought into successful use in America. Himself a South Staffordshire man originally, there was a peculiar fitness in his describing the invention in a district that has a world wide fame for its finished iron industry. Some of the best practical iron masters in the kingdom took part in the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, and such a high opinion was formed of the merits of the invention that the Institute sent out a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of two practical iron manufacturers, one from Middlesbrough and the other from South Staffordshire, and a highly skilled metallurgical chemist from Dowla, in South Wales, for the purpose of making most rigid experimental investigations at the American iron works where the Danks furnace was in operation. The commissioners reported most favorably regarding what they had seen, and the result was that several Danks puddling furnaces were forthwith erected and set to work in the Middlesbrough district. After a time, however, they seem to have failed, chiefly from defects in mechanical construction. The difficulties that were met with naturally caused some disappointment. Messrs. Hopkins, Gukes & Co., who were the first to commence the use of the Danks furnace, gave it up; but the Erimus Iron Works Company, whose managing director is Mr. J. A. Jones, one of the commissioners sent out to America, although they were not by any means satisfied with the results which they had obtained with the new furnace, resolved to continue, but to devote their attention in the first instance to

the removal of the obstacles which they considered to be the chief drawbacks to the success of rotary puddling. Amongst those drawbacks, were the educating of the workmen, and the removal of prejudice from amongst them, the difficulty with the "fettling" of the furnace, and the mechanical weakness of the Danks machine. In a letter addressed to the president of the Iron and Steel Institute, about six months ago, Mr. Jones stated that the difficulties with the workmen and in respect of the fettling of the furnace had disappeared; and in speaking of the improvements which had been made on the mechanical details of the rotary puddling furnace, he said that the directors were so satisfied with the work done by the modified machine that they had ordered five more, and the necessary engines to drive them. That, certainly, may be regarded as a hopeful sign of progress. Mr. Jones has recently been good enough to give me some still fresher information on the subject, in reply to a letter which I had addressed to him, asking how the question then stood. He says that the changes indicated in his letter to the president of the Iron and Steel Institute are being made, and that up to the date of his letter to me the company were quite satisfied with the results. Within the next week or two the whole of the contemplated changes will have been made, I believe, throughout the rotary puddling department at the Erimus Works, when, doubtless, the iron trade in all parts of the country will look anxiously for information on the subject in question.

Mr. Robert Heath, of the Ravensdale Iron Works, North Staffordshire, very early resolved on giving the Danks system of mechanical puddling a full and fair trial. His remarkable earnestness and enterprise seem to bid fair to receive their due reward. He started with six furnaces, and a few months ago he erected other four, making ten in all. Mr. Heath's efforts to make the Danks system a manufacturing and commercial success had excited such an amount of interest among practical iron masters that the members of the Iron and Steel Institute most gladly availed themselves of an invitation to visit the Ravensdale Iron Works on the occasion of the meeting of that body in Manchester a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, I have not been able to accept of the kind invitation lately made to me by Mr. Heath to visit his works, but I am happy to say that a gentleman who made a very careful personal inspection of the Danks furnaces and the mode of working, on the occasion referred to, has favored me with the impression of what he saw. Though not actually engaged in the iron manufacture, my informant has made himself familiar with iron works generally. He says: "I can assure you that I looked forward with great pleasure to our visit to Ravensdale, and my anticipations were fully realized. Mr. Heath has embarked in this new phase of the iron manufacture quite enthusiastically. He had faith in the Danks system, and he seems to have determined to make it succeed. We found ten furnaces in full operation in two parallel rows under one roof; and no sooner had we entered the works than the members of our very large party distributed themselves around the various furnaces, into which they peered most anxiously, at the same time minutely questioning Mr. Heath, his managers, and the workmen, regarding the working of the furnaces, the weight of the charges, the quality of the pig iron used, the nature of the fettling, the durability of the internal lining, and the external casing, the number of heats per day, the yield per furnace, &c. Presently one of the furnaces was opened by drawing aside the movable mouthpiece, and in a few seconds there was drawn forth a puddled ball of some 8 or 9 cwt. upon a gigantic prong or fork, worked by gearing overhead; and by means of it the plastic mass of iron was carried into a Danks squeezer, in which it was subjected alternately to powerful blows from a horizontal hammer, and to the squeezing operation of a pair of curiously formed rolls. It was then passed to a 10 ton steam hammer under which it was worked into a bloom or slab, and afterward passed through the roughing rolls, and subsequently drawn out to a length of 16 or 18 feet, fully 12 inches broad and nearly 2 inches thick. All this was the work of a very few minutes; but it was most interesting, if not exciting, to the onlookers. Other charges were drawn and operated on during our stay in the works in the same way. We learned that Mr. Heath had made very important modifications and improvements upon the mechanism of the Danks furnace, which he had got to work in a surprisingly effective manner, and that in his hands the Danks system had become a decided success. Even six months ago he was rolling Danks blooms. In the ordinary forge rolls, 16 inch bars 24 feet long, more cheaply than by the old puddling process, to say nothing of the saving in waste in cutting up long bars as compared with bars one-fourth the length. We also learned that arrangements were in progress for turning out puddled balls weighing at least 13 cwt. Mr. Heath has not contented himself with rolling heavy plates from the Danks furnace, but has now begun to roll a great variety of the smaller sizes of merchantable iron; and, judging from what we saw at Ravensdale, I feel satisfied that very marked success is the result."

I am glad to say, gentlemen, that I have been in communication with Mr. Heath on the subject of the Danks system, and that gentleman informs me that he is satisfied with the results, so far as the quality of the iron is concerned. Commercially, he has not tested its merits, but he is satisfied that the iron is made considerably cheaper by the Danks system. He believes the great drawback to its introduction is that it cannot be applied to old works, as so few firms have the necessary plant to deal with the process on a large scale. But, in the true spirit of the man of progress, he goes on to say "that all this will be ultimately overcome."

Through the very great kindness and courtesy of Mr. Heath, which I cannot too highly appreciate, I am enabled to lay before you a most interesting collection of specimens, which are equal in quality to the best iron that I have ever seen. By the examination of the sections where they have been broken, and also by the severe bending, twisting, closing and other tests that have been applied to them, you will be able to judge for yourselves of the quality of the iron produced by the Danks system at the Ravensdale Iron Works.

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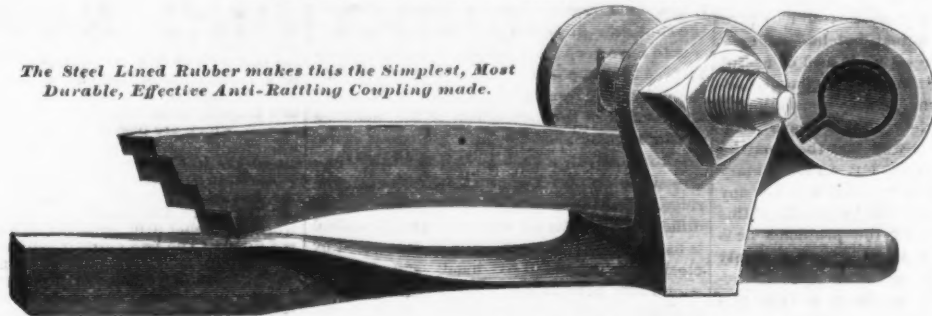
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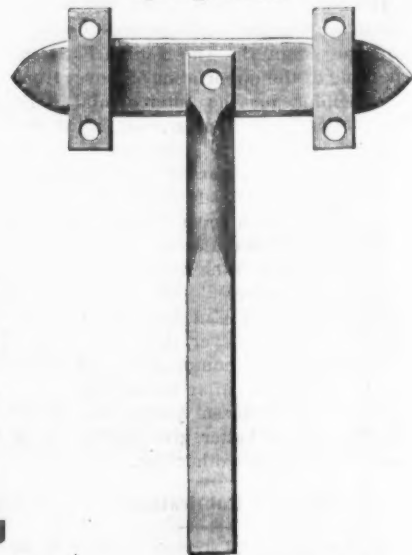


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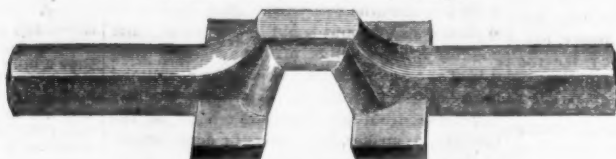
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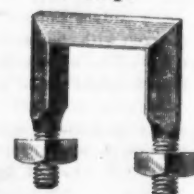
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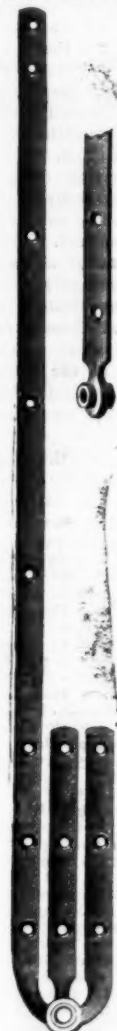
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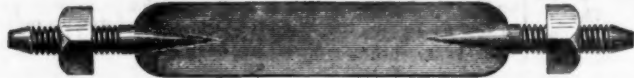
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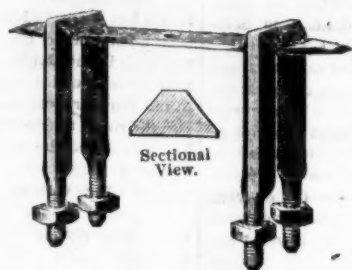
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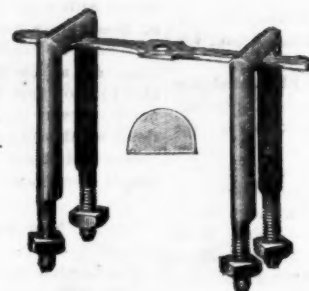


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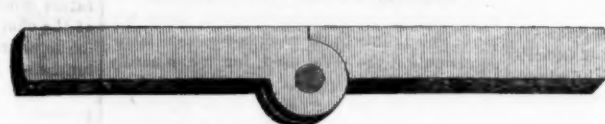
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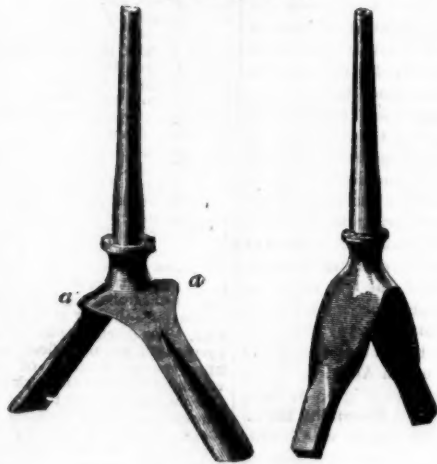
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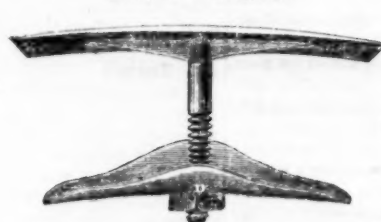
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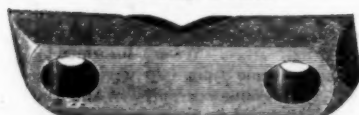
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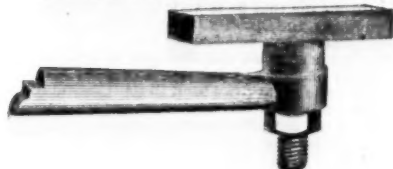
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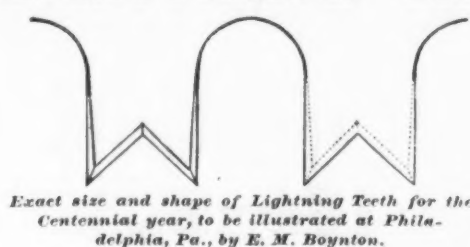
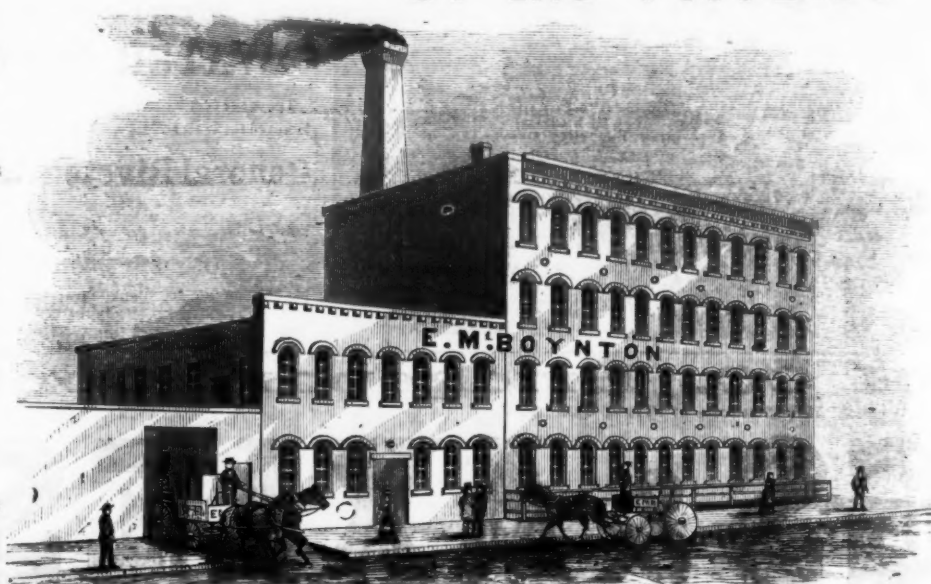
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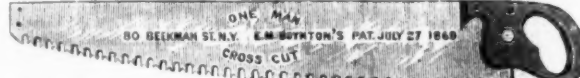
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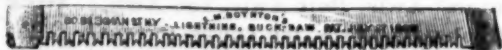
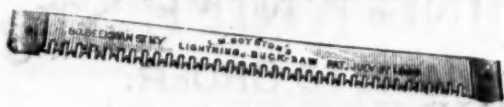
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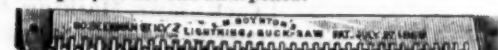
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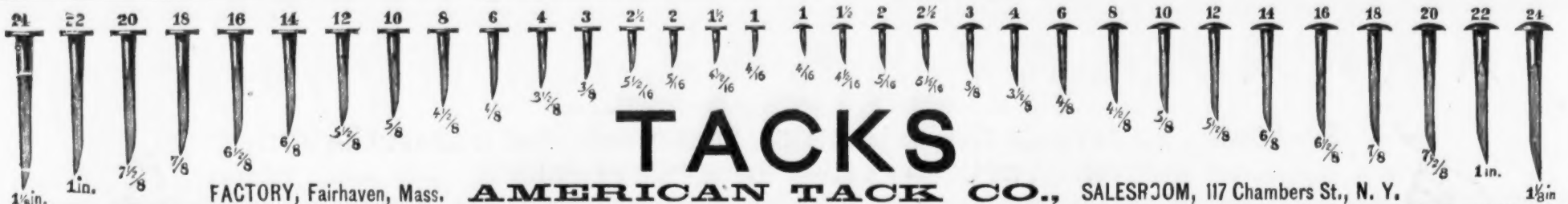


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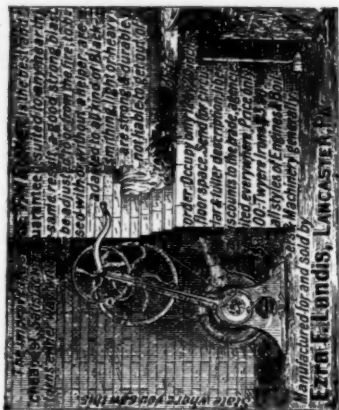
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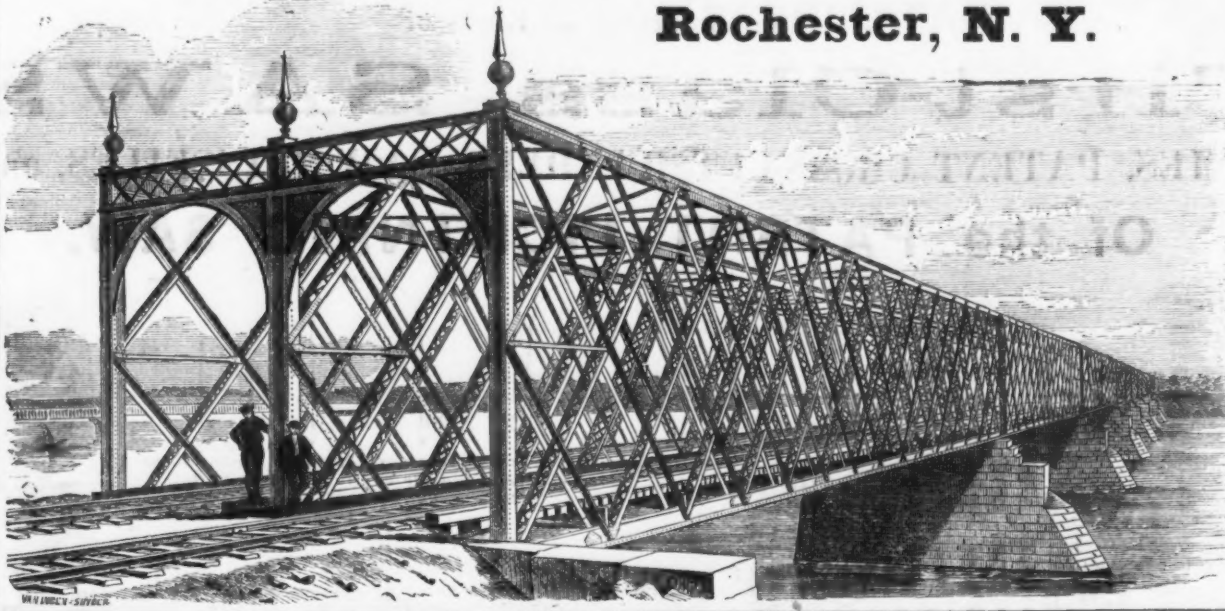
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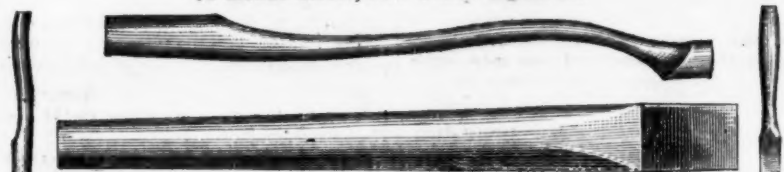
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The Origin and Growth of Engineering Science.

(Concluded.)

While the Dutch were acquiring practical knowledge in dealing with water, and we in Britain, among others, were benefiting by their experience, the disastrous results which ensued from the inundations caused by the Italian rivers of the Alps gave a new importance to the science of hydraulics. Some of the greatest philosophers of the seventeenth century—among them Torricelli, a pupil of Galileo—were called upon to advise and to superintend engineering works; nor did they confine themselves to the construction of preventive works, but thoroughly investigated the condition pertaining to fluids at rest or in motion, and gave to the world a valuable series of works on hydraulics and hydraulic engineering, which form the basis of our knowledge of these subjects at the present day.

Some of the best scientific works (prior to the nineteenth century) on engineering subjects we owe to Italian and French writers. The writings of Belidor, an officer of artillery in France in the seventeenth century, who did not, however, confine himself to military subjects, drew attention to engineering questions. Not long after their appearance, the Ponts et Chaussées were established, which has maintained ever since a body of able men specially educated for, and devoted to, the prosecution of industrial works.

The impulse given to road making in the early part of the last century soon extended to canals and means for facilitating locomotion and transport generally. Tramways were used in connection with mines at least as early as the middle of the seventeenth century, but the rails were, in those days, of wood. The first iron rails are said to have been laid in this country as early as 1733; after which time their use was gradually extended, until it became general in mining districts.

By the beginning of this century the great ports of England were connected by a system of canals, and new harbor works became necessary, and were provided to accommodate the increase of commerce and trade, which improved means of internal transport had rendered possible. It was in the construction of these works that our own Brindley and Smeaton, Telford and Rennie, and other engineers of their time, did so much.

But it was not until the steam engine, improved and almost created by the illustrious Watt, became such a potent instrument, that engineering works to the extent they have since been carried out became possible or necessary. It gave mankind no new faculty, but it at once set his other faculties on an eminence, from which the extent of his future operations became almost unlimited.

Water-mills, wind-mills and horse-machines were in most cases superseded. Deep mines, before only accessible by adits and water levels, could at once be reached with ease and economy. Lakes and fens which, but for the steam engine, would have been left untouched, were drained and cultivated.

The slow and laborious toil of hands and fingers, bone and sinew, was turned to other employments, where, aided by ingenious mechanical contrivances, the produce of one pair of hands was multiplied a thousand-fold, and their cunning extended until results marvelous, if you consider them, were attained. Since the time of Watt the steam engine has exerted a power, made conquests, and increased and multiplied the material interests of this globe to an extent which it is scarcely possible to realize.

But while Watt has gained a world-wide, well earned fame, the names of those men who have provided the machines to utilize the energies of the steam engines are too often forgotten. Of their inventions the majority of mankind know little. They worked silently at home, in the mill, or in the factory, observed by few. Indeed, in most cases these silent workers had no wish to expose their work to public gaze. Were it not so, the factory and the mill are not places where people go to take the air. How long in the silent night the inventors of these machines sat and pondered; how often they had to cast aside some long-sought mechanical movement and seek another and a better arrangement of parts, none but themselves could ever know. They were unseen workers, who succeeded by rare genius, long patience, and indomitable perseverance.

More ingenuity and creative mechanical genius is, perhaps, displayed in machines used for the manufacture of textile fabrics than by those used in any other industry. It was not until late in historical times that the manufacture of such fabrics became established on a large scale in Europe. Although in China man was clothed in silk long ago, and although Confucius, in a work written 3000 years ago, orders with the greatest minuteness the rules to be observed in the production and manufacture of silk, yet it was worth nearly its weight in gold in Europe in the time of Aurelian, whose empress had to forego the luxury of a silk gown on account of its cost. Through Constantinople and Italy the manufacture passed slowly westward, and was not established in France until the 16th century, and arrived at a still later period in this country. It is related that James V. had to borrow a pair of silk hose from the Earl of Mar, in order that he might not, as he expressed it, appear as a scrub before strangers.

So cotton, of which the manufacture in India dates from before historical times, had scarcely by the Christian era reached Persia and Egypt. Spain in the tenth and Italy in the fourteenth century manufactured it, but Manchester, which is now the great metropolis of the trade, not until the latter half of the seventeenth century. Linen was worn by the old Egyptians, and

some of their linen mummy cloths surpass in fineness any linen fabrics made in later days. The Babylonians wore linen also and wool, and obtained a widespread fame for skill in workmanship and beauty in design.

In this country wool once formed the staple for clothing. Silk was the first rival, but its costliness placed it beyond the reach of the many. To introduce a new material or improved machine into this or other countries a century or more ago was no light undertaking. Inventors and would-be benefactors alike ran the risk of loss of life. Loud was the outcry made in the early part of the eighteenth century against the introduction of Indian cottons and Dutch calicoes.

Until 1738, in which year the improvements in spinning machinery were begun, each thread of worsted or cotton wool had been spun between the fingers in this and all other countries. Wyatt, in 1738, invented spinning by rollers instead of fingers, and his invention was further improved by Arkwright. In 1770 Hargreaves patented the spinning jenny, and Crompton the mule in 1775, a machine which combined the advantages of the frames of both Hargreaves and Arkwright. In less than a century after the first invention by Wyatt, double mules were working in Manchester with over 2000 spindles. Improvements in machines for weaving were begun at an earlier date. In 1579 a ribbon loom is said to have been invented at Dantzic, by which from four to six pieces could be woven at one time, but the machine was destroyed and the inventor lost his life. In 1800 Jacquard's most ingenious invention was brought into use, which, by a simple mechanical operation, determines the movements of the threads which form the pattern in weaving. But the greatest discovery in the art of weaving was wrought by Cartwright's discovery of the power loom, which led eventually to the substitution of steam for manual labor, and enabled a boy with a steam loom to do fifteen times the work of a man with a hand loom.

Steamboats, the electric telegraph, and railways, are more within the cognizance of the world at large, and the progress that has been made in them in little more than one generation is better known and appreciated.

It is not more than 40 years since one of our scientific men, and an able one, too, declared at a meeting of this association that no steamboat would ever cross the Atlantic; founding his statement on the impracticability, in his view, of a steamboat carrying sufficient coal, profitably, for the voyage. Yet, soon after this statement was made, the *Sirius* steamed from Bristol to New York in 17 days, and was soon followed by the *Great Western*, which made the homeward passage in 13½ days, and with these voyages the era of steamboats began. Like most important inventions, that of the steamboat was a long time in assuming a form capable of being profitably utilized, and even when it had assumed such a form the objections of commercial and scientific men had still to be overcome.

The increase in the number of steamboats since the time when the *Sirius* first crossed the Atlantic has been very great. Whereas in 1814 the United Kingdom only possessed two steam vessels, of together 450 tons burden, in 1872 there were on the register of the United Kingdom 3662 steam vessels, of which the registered tonnage amounted to over 1,500,000 tons, or to nearly half the whole steam tonnage of the world, which did not at that time greatly exceed 3,000,000 tons.

As the number of steamboats has largely increased, so also gradually has their size increased until it culminated in the hands of Brunel in the *Great Eastern*.

A triumph of engineering skill in shipbuilding, the *Great Eastern* has not been commercially so successful. In this, as in many other engineering problems, the question is not how large a thing can be made, but how large, having regard to other circumstances, it is proper at the time to make it.

If, as regards the dimensions of steamboats, we have at present somewhat overstepped the limits in the *Great Eastern*, much still remains to be done in perfecting the form of vessels, whether propelled by steam or driven by the force of the wind. A distinguished member of this association, Mr. Froude, has now for some years devoted himself to investigations carried on with a view to ascertain the form of vessel which will offer the least resistance to the water through which it must pass. So many of us in these days are called upon to make journeys by sea as well as by land, that we can well appreciate the value of Mr. Froude's labors, so far as they tend to curtail the time which we must spend on our ocean journeys; and we should all feel grateful to him if from another branch of his investigations, which relates to the rolling of ships, it should result that the movement in passenger vessels could be reduced.

As improvements in the form of the hull are effected, less power—that is, less fuel—will be required to propel the vessel through the water for a given distance. Great as have been the improvements effected in marine engines to this end, much still remains to be done. Wolf's compound engine, so long overlooked, is, with some improvements, being at last applied. Whereas the consumption of fuel in such vessels as the Himalayas used to be from 5 to 6 lbs. of fuel per effective horse-power, it has been reduced, by working steam more expansively in vessels of a later date, to 2 lbs. Yet, comparing this with the total amount of energy of 2 lbs. of coal, it will be found that not a tenth part of the power is obtained which that amount of coal would theoretically call into action.

There is no more remarkable instance of the rapid utilization of what was in the first instance regarded by most men as a mere scientific idea, than the adoption and extension of the electric

telegraph. Those who read Odier's letters written in 1773, in which he made known his idea of a telegraph which would enable the inhabitants of Europe to converse with the Emperor of Mogul, little thought that in less than a century a conversation between persons at points so far distant would be possible. Still less did those who saw in the following year messages sent from one room to another by Lesage in the presence of Friedrich of Prussia, realize that they had before them the germ of one of the most extraordinary inventions among the many that will render this century famous.

I should weary you were I to follow the slow steps by which the electric telegraph of to-day was brought to its present state of efficiency. In the present century few years have passed without new workers appearing in the field; some whose object was to utilize the new found power for the benefit of mankind, others—and their work was not the least important in the end—whose object was to investigate magnetism and electrical phenomena as presenting scientific problems still unsolved. Galvani, Volta, Oersted, Atago, Sturzen and Faraday, by their labors, helped to make known the elements which rendered it possible to construct the electric telegraph. With the battery, the electric coil, and the electro-magnet, the elements were complete, and it only remained for Sir Charles Wheatstone and others to combine them in a useful and practically valuable form. The inventions of Alexander, Steinhill and those of similar nature to that of Sir Charles Wheatstone, were made known at a later date in the same year, which will ever be memorable in the annals of telegraphy.

The first useful telegraph was constructed upon the Blackwall Railway in 1838, Messrs. Wheatstone's and Cooke's instruments being employed. From that time to this the progress of the electric telegraph has been so rapid, that at the present time, including land lines and submarine cables, there are in use in different parts of the world not less than 400,000 miles of telegraph.

Among the numerous inventions of late years, the automatic telegraph of Mr. Alexander Bain, of Dr. Werner Siemens and of Sir Charles Wheatstone, are especially worthy of notice. Mr. Bain's machine is chiefly used in the United States, that of Dr. Werner Siemens in Germany. In this country the machine invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone, to whom telegraphy owes so much, is chiefly employed. By his machine, after the message has been punched out in a paper ribbon by one machine on a system analogous to the dot and dash of Morse, the sequence of the currents requisite to transmit the message along the wire is automatically determined in a second machine by this perforated ribbon. This second operation is analogous to that by which, in Jacquard's loom, the motions of the threads requisite to produce the pattern is determined by perforated cards. By Wheatstone's machine errors inseparable from manual labor are avoided; and what is of even more importance in a commercial point of view, the time during which the wire is occupied in the transmission of a message is considerably diminished.

By the application of these automatic systems to telegraphy, the speed of transmission has been wonderfully accelerated, being equal to 300 words a minute—that is, faster than a shorthand writer can transcribe; and, in fact, words can now be passed along the wires of land lines with a velocity greater than can be dealt with by the human agency at either end.

Owing partly to the retarding effects of induction and other causes, the speed of transmission by long submarine cables is much smaller. With the cable of 1853 only 2½ words per minute were got through. The average with the Atlantic cable, Dr. C. W. Siemens informs me, is now 17 words, but 24 words per minute can be read.

One of the most striking phenomena in telegraphy is that known as the duplex system, which enables messages to be sent from each end of the same wire at the same time. This simultaneous transmission from both ends of a wire was proposed in the early days of telegraphy, but, owing to imperfect insulation, was not then found to be practicable; but since then telegraphic wires have been better insulated, and the system is now becoming of great utility, as it nearly doubles the capacity for work of every wire.

Of railways the progress has been enormous, but I do not know that in a scientific point of view a railway is so marvelous in its character as the electric telegraph. The results, however, of the construction and use of railways are more extensive and widespread, and their utility and convenience brought home to a larger portion of mankind. It has come to pass, therefore, that the name of George Stephenson has been placed second only to that of James Watt; and as men are, and will be, estimated by the advantages which their labors confer on mankind, he will remain in that niche, unless, indeed, some greater luminary should arise to outshine him. The merit of George Stephenson consisted, among other things, in this—that he saw more clearly than any other engineer of his time the sort of thing that the world wanted, and that he persevered, in spite of learned objectors, with the firm conviction that he was right and they were wrong, and that there was within himself the power to demonstrate the accuracy of his conviction.

We who live in these days of roads and railways, and can move with a fair degree of comfort, speed and safety, almost where we will, can scarcely realize the state of England two centuries ago, when the years of opposition which preceded the era of coaches began; when, as in 1662, there were but six stages in all England, and John Crossdell, of the Charter-house, thought there were six too many; when Sir Henry Herbert, a member of the House of Commons, could say, "If a man

were to propose to carry us regularly to Edinburgh in coaches in seven days, and bring us back in seven more, should we not vote him to Bedlam?"

In spite of short-sighted opposition, coaches made their way, but it was not till a century later, in 1784—and then, I believe, it was in this city of Bristol—that coaches were first established for the conveyance of mails. Those here who have experienced, as I have, what the discomforts were of long journeys inside the old coaches, will agree with me that they were very great; and I believe, if returns could be obtained of the accidents which happened to coaches, it would be found that many more people were injured and killed, in proportion to the number that traveled by that mode, than by the railways of to-day.

No sooner had our ancestors settled down with what comfort was possible in their coaches, well satisfied that twelve miles an hour was the maximum speed to be obtained or that was desirable, that they were told that steam conveyance on iron railways would supersede their "present pitiful" methods of conveyance. Such was the opinion of Thomas Gray, the first promoter of railways, who published his work on a general iron railway in 1819. Gray was looked on as little better than a madman.

Railways add enormously to the national wealth. More than 25 years ago it was proved to the satisfaction of a committee of the House of Commons, from facts and figures which I then adduced, and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, of which I was the engineer, and which then formed the principal railway connection between the populous towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire, effected a saving to the public using the railway of more than the whole amount of the dividend which was received by the proprietors. These calculations were based solely on the amount of traffic carried by the railway, and on the difference between the railway rate of charge and the charges by the modes of conveyance anterior to railways. No credit whatever was taken for the saving of time, though in England pre-eminently time is money.

Considering that railway charges on many items have been considerably reduced since that day, it may be safely assumed that the railways in the British Islands now produce, or rather save to the nation, a much larger sum annually than the gross amount of all the dividends payable to the proprietors, without at all taking into account the benefit arising from the saving in time. The benefits under that head defy calculation, and cannot with any accuracy be put into money; but it would not be at all over estimating this question to say that in time and money the nation gains at least what is equivalent to 10 per cent. on all the capital expended on railways. I do not urge this on the part of railway proprietors, for they did not embark in these undertakings with a view to the national gain, but for the expected profit to themselves. Yet it is as well it should be noted, for railway proprietors appear sometimes by some people to be regarded in the light of public enemies.

It follows from these facts that whenever a railway can be made at a cost to yield the ordinary interest of money, it is in the national interest that it should be made. Further, that though its cost might be such as to leave a smaller dividend than that to its proprietors, the loss of wealth to so small a section of the community will be more than supplemented by the national gain, and therefore there may be cases where a government may wisely contribute in some form to undertakings which, without such aid, would fail to obtain the necessary support.

Mr. Bramwell, when presiding over the Mechanical Section at Brighton, drew attention to the waste of fuel.

Dr. Siemens, in an able lecture he delivered by request of the Association to the operative classes at the meeting at Bradford, pointed out the waste of fuel in special branches of the iron trade, to which he has devoted so much attention.

He showed on that occasion that, in the ordinary reheating furnace, the coal consumed did not produce the twentieth part of its theoretical effect, and in melting steel in pots in the ordinary way not more than one-seventieth part; in melting one ton of steel in pots about 2½ tons of coke being consumed. Dr. Siemens further stated that, in his regenerative gas furnace, one ton of steel was melted with 12 cwt. of small coal.

Mr. Lowthian Bell, who combines chemical knowledge with the practical experience of an iron master, in his presidential address to the members of the Iron and Steel Institute in 1873, stated that, with the perfect mode of withdrawing and utilizing the gases and the improvement in the furnaces adopted in the Cleveland district, the present make of pig iron in Cleveland is produced with 3½ million tons of coal less than would have been needed fifteen years ago; this being equivalent to a saving of 45 per cent. of the quantity formerly used. He shows, by figures, with which he has favored me, that the calorific power of the waste gases from the furnaces is sufficient for raising all the steam and heating all the air the furnaces require.

It has already been stated that by working steam more expansively, either in double or single engines, the consumption of fuel in improved modern engines compared with the older forms may be reduced to one-third.

All these reductions still fall far short of the theoretical effect of fuel which may be never reached. Mr. Lowthian Bell's figures go to show that in the interior of the blast furnace, as improved in Cleveland, there is not much more to be done in reducing the consumption of fuel, but much has already been done, and could the reductions now attainable, and all the information already acquired be univer-

sally applied, the saving in fuel would be enormous.

If I have pointed out that we do not avail ourselves more than a fractional part of the useful effects of fuel, it is not that I expect we shall all at once mend our ways in this respect. Many cases of waste arise from the existence of old and obsolete machines, of bad forms of furnaces, of wasteful grates, existing in most dwelling houses; and these are not to be remedied at once, for not every one can afford, however desirable it might be, to cast away the old and adopt the new.

In looking uneasily to the future supply and cost of fuel, it is, however, something to know what may be done even with the application of our present knowledge; and could we apply it universally to-day, all that is necessary for trade and comfort could probably be as well provided for by one-half the present consumption of fuel; and it behoves those who are beginning to build new mills, new furnaces, new steamboats or new houses, to act as though the price of coal which obtained two years ago had been the normal and not the abnormal price.

"Whence and whither," is an aphorism which leads us away from present and plainer objects to those which are more distant and obscure; whether we look backward or forward, our vision is speedily arrested by an impenetrable veil.

On the subjects I have chosen you will probably think I have traveled backward far enough. I have dealt to some extent with the present.

The retrospect, however, may be useful to show what great works in former ages.

Some things have been better done than in those earlier times, but not all.

In what we choose to call the ideal we do not surpass the ancients. Poets and painters and sculptors were as great in former times as now; so, probably, were the mathematicians.

In what depends on the accumulation of experience, we ought to excel our forefathers. Engineering depends largely on experience; nevertheless, in future times, whenever difficulties shall arise or works have to be accomplished for which there is no precedent, he who has to perform the duty may step forth from any of the walks of life, as engineers have not unfrequently hitherto done.

The marvelous progress of the last two generations should make everyone cautious of predicting the future. Of engineering works, however, it may be said that their practicability or impracticability is often determined by other elements than the inherent difficulty in the works themselves. Greater works than any yet achieved remain to be accomplished—not perhaps yet awhile. Society may not yet require them; the world could not at present afford to pay for them.

The progress of engineering works, if we consider it, and the expenditure upon them, has already in our time been prodigious. One hundred and sixty thousand miles of railway alone, put into figures at £20,000 a mile, amounts to 3200 million pounds sterling; add 400,000 miles of telegraph at £100 a mile, and 100 millions more for sea canals, docks, harbors, water and sanitary works constructed in the same period, and we get the enormous sum of 3340 millions sterling expended in one generation and half on what may, undoubtedly, be called useful works.

The wealth of nations may be impaired by expenditure on luxuries and war; it cannot be diminished by expenditure on works like these.

As to the future we know we cannot create a force; we can, and no doubt shall, greatly improve the application of those with which we are acquainted. What are called inventions can do no more than this, yet how much every day is being done by new machines and instruments.

The telescope extended our vision to distant worlds. The spectroscope has far outstripped that instrument, by extending our powers of analysis to regions as remote.

Postal deliveries were and are great and able organizations, but what are they to the telegraph?

Need we try to extend our vision into futurity farther? Our present knowledge, compared to what is unknown even in physics, is infinitesimal. We may never discover a new force—yet, who can tell?

A Japanese War Vessel.—The *San Francisco Commercial Herald* says: The Japanese war steamer *Tsukuba* arrived December 14th from Tokio, after a passage of 37 days, made under sail. The *Tsukuba* is a training ship for cadets in the Imperial Navy of Japan. She is 1033 tons burden, carries 12 guns, and has engines of 200 horse-power. Her principal officers are: T. Y. Ito, captain, and T. Y. Fukumura, commander, under whom are 25 officers, 36 cadets, 333 seamen, and 17 marines. The English instructors on board are J. W. Austin, E. Yeo, and W. Woodward. She left Tokio (Yeddo Bay) on November 6th, and encountered very severe weather during the passage to this port. This steamer was one of the squadron sent to Formosa (China) in 1874 to punish the natives of that island for massacring some Japanese seamen who had been wrecked there. The only other war steamer belonging to Japan that has visited the United States before this, was the steamer *Candimarrab*, which arrived at this port on the 17th of March, 1860. The *Tsukuba* will first be put in perfect order, and then will probably be open to the inspection of visitors, due announcement of which will be published in the papers. No visitors will at present be allowed on board without a pass signed by the Japanese Consul. The vessel is square-rigged, is 197 feet over all, and has 28½ feet beam.

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trade in a commercial sense, Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell occupied the chair at a meeting held in London last week, and in an opening address explained the objects of the proposed association. A number of gentlemen were appointed members of the first Board of Management, and they were requested to select others to make up the number to thirty-six. Amongst the members selected are Mr. Whitlaw, M. P. (Glasgow); Mr. J. T. Smith (Barrow Works); Mr. G. T. Clark (Dowlais); Mr. Curtis (Ebbw Vale); Mr. E. Fisher Smith (Dudley); Mr. R. Heath, M. P. (Stoke); Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell, M. P. (Middlesbrough); and many other prominent gentlemen from Sheffield, Leeds and Birmingham. On the motion of Mr. L. L. Bell, M. P., seconded by Mr. E. F. Smith, Mr. G. T. Clark (Dowlais Iron Works), was elected the first president of the association, Mr. Jones being chosen as secretary. The general objects of the combination were declared to be these:

"To secure a means of communication between members of the iron and steel trades of Great Britain upon all matters bearing upon the commercial interests of those industries; to procure and circulate detailed statistics of the iron and steel trades both at home and abroad; to attend to all matters connected with foreign tariffs, commercial treaties and parliamentary business that may have a bearing upon the position of the iron and steel trades, excluding questions of the regulation of wages or of a purely local character; and generally to take all proper measures for advancing the interests of the British iron and steel trades in all their branches."

All persons or firms in the iron or steel trades can now, and up to March 31st, 1876, join by payment, after which admission will be by voting only. The annual meeting will be held in February in each year. It was further resolved to hold a conference in London in February or March for the purpose of discussing such matters as, in the opinion of the board, may require the special attention of the trade.

BRITISH RAILWAY IRON.

The *Mining Journal* thus discourses on the subject of railway iron abroad: "We are unable to report any improvement in the external demand for our railway iron. The exports for the whole of November only amounted to 33,621 tons, as compared with 47,804 tons in November, 1874, and 70,781 tons in November, 1873. For the eleven months ending November 30th this year the aggregate exports were 321,833 tons, against 753,341 tons in the corresponding period of 1874, and 737,350 tons in the corresponding period of 1873. The decline which has taken place in this year's exports is ominous and marked; it is also widespread and general, the only foreign country of any note to which we have sent more of our railway material being Peru, which, by the way, is a nation not enjoying just now the very best credit. Canada, again, has been the largest consumer of our rails this year; and with regard to Canadian railway companies, as with reference to similar Porvuan organizations, caution is certainly required at present. The most pitiable feature, however, about our foreign railway iron trade is the utter collapse of the American demand. In November we only sent the Americans 44 tons of our railway iron, as compared with 1819 tons in November, 1874, and 17,919 tons in November, 1873. In the eleven months ending November 30th this year we sent the Americans 17,755 tons of railway iron, while in the first eleven months of 1873 we dispatched 177,955 tons in the same direction, or about ten times as much. When our railway iron relation with the United States attained their greatest activity we sent them 40,000 tons per month. This was about four years since. The Americans with usual sanguine ardor were then unquestionably 'overdoing' it in the matter of railroad construction, and a reversal was sure to follow. This reversal came in September, 1873, when the Northern Pacific Railroad Company collapsed, and the Jay Cooke panic commenced. But it is not to the Jay Cooke panic alone that we must attribute the lamentable disappearance of our American railway iron connection. When English railway iron became unduly dear, the Americans set to work to make rails for themselves, and so much success has crowned their efforts in this direction that we are now practically elbowing out the American iron market, although the Americans have still taken from us this year a tolerable quantity of pig iron. The decline in the demand for English rails in the United States is, there is little doubt, the primary cause of the troubles which now afflict the iron trade of South Wales. In the good old times, before Mr. Halliday began his far from useful labors, South Welsh iron found ready outlet in the United States; but the South Welsh masters began to grasp at too large profits, and the South Welsh men struck for too high wages. The lamentable result has been that South Welsh iron has been edged out of one of the most important markets which it had gradually acquired."

SCOTCH PIG IRON.

The Glasgow warrant market opened steadily on Monday last, and prices were well maintained during the whole of the week. Their average daily was: On December 20, 62/10 to 63/6; on 21st, 63/3 to 63/6; on 22d, 63/6 to 63/10; on 23d, 63/9 to 64/3; and on 24th, 64/3 to 64/7½; the average closing quotation being 64/3. There was a good season amount of shipping business, the total for the week amounting to 8139 tons, as compared with 7324 tons in the corresponding period of 1874. Freight rates are still unchanged, on the basis of 5/ to New York and 14/ to Boston. Connal's stores now contain 63,414 tons, the stock there having decreased during the week by 575 tons. Ballast pig remains at 47/6 per ton, alongside. The monthly average prices of warrants this and last year, and the comparative shipments in each year are as follows:

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF WARRANTS.					
Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.
74/4	72/9	72/2	72/9	75/9	75/8
106/3	95/5	87/2	75/9	85/9	95/8
July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
60/4	63/0½	65/7½	69/3	61/2	62/2
81/9	85/5½	83/6½	84/7½	85/3	82/9

COMPARATIVE SHIPMENTS FROM 25TH DEC. UNTIL DATE.

Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1875.....Foreign, 364,045, coastwise, 167,938—531,983		
1874....." 289,913, " 159,602—449,515		

Total increase in 1875..... 82,468

Writing on December 24th, from Glasgow, Messrs. James Watson & Co. advised: "The warrant market has steadily advanced during this week from 62/6 to 64/7½, cash, closing to-day buyers, 64/4½, sellers, 64/6. Shipments last week were 8139 tons, against 7324 tons in the corresponding week of 1874."

G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	No. 1.	No. 3.
Gartsherrie.....	65/6	64/
Coltness.....	74/	62/6
Summerlee.....	78/6	66/
Langloan.....	73/6	64/6
Cambridge.....	67/6	65/
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	76/6	65/
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan.....	76/6	65/
Eglinton.....	64/6	63/6
Dalmellington.....	64/6	63/6
Shotts, at Leth.....	73/	65/
Kinnell, at Boness.....	66/6	62/6

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co., Glasgow, Dec. 28th, say: "The warrant market steadily improved all last week, and closed on Friday at 64/6. On Monday there was an extensive business done about 65/3, closing with buyers at 64/9, cash. To-day the opening price was 65/1, cash, and after numerous transactions about

that price the market closed with sellers at 65/1, and buyers at 64/10½. There has been an active demand for makers' iron during the week, and prices have advanced 1/2 to 2/3 per ton."

Deliverable alongside.		
No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	66/	64/6
Gartsherrie.....	75/6	64/6
Coltness.....	79/6	67/6
Summerlee.....	71/	66/
Langloan.....	75/6	66/
Cambridge.....	68/6	65/
Monkland.....	66/	64/6
Clyde.....	66/6	65/
Govan, at Broomfield.....	66/	64/6
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	72/6	66/
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan.....	71/	66/6
Eglinton.....	65/6	61/6
Dalmellington.....	65/6	64/6
Carroll, at Grangemouth.....	66/	64/6
Carroll, " specially selected.....	70/	66/
Shotts, at Leth.....	74/6	67/6
Kinnell, at Boness.....	66/	63/
Bar Iron.....	66/	63/
Nail Rods.....	£8. 0/	£8. 10/

SHIPMENTS.		Tons.
Week ending Dec. 25, 1875.....		10,526
" " Dec. 26, 1874.....		6,084

Increase..... 4,442

Total increase for 1875..... 86,910

Messrs. John E. Swan & Brother's (limited) report:

Glasgow Brands.		Prices.	
Furnaces.	Butts.	No. 1.	No. 3.
Gartsherrie.....	13	74/	65/6
Coltness.....	12	78/	66/
Summerlee.....	11	70/	64/6
Langloan.....	6	73/	66/
Govan.....	4	65/	64/
Calder.....	3	70/	65/
Shotts, Ordinary.....	3	72/6	66/
Cambridge.....	4	67/	64/6
Monkland.....	2	65/	63/
Chapelhall.....	3	67/6	64/
Clyde.....	5	65/	64/
Quarter-Clyde.....	4	65/	64/

* 1, 0, 6, Glasgow, 1/ per ton, extra.

Glasgow Warrants, 3-5 No. 1; 2-5 No. 3, g. m. h., 64/6.

WEST COAST BRANDS—F. O. D. At Ironworks.

Glasgow Brands.		Prices.	
Furnaces.	Butts.	No. 1.	No. 3.
Glenarnock.....	7	69/6	65/
Ardrossan.....	4	65/	63/6
Eglinton.....	6	62/8	63/6
Langloan.....	4	65/	63/6
Monkland.....	3	65/	63/6
Dalmellington.....	6	64/	63/

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

The week has not been productive of any trade matter of interest, either in respect of the demand or price. Most of the iron works last week ran full time in order to clear order books prior to the holidays, which commenced on Friday afternoon. In Derbyshire I notice there is a tolerably large number of furnaces blowing at the principal establishments where foundry work is done on an extensive scale. At the Sheepbridge Works, near Chesterfield, four furnaces are in blast; at Claycross the majority of them are blowing, and at Stanton, two, I am informed, are in operation. The Staveley Works are, of course, doing what may in these times be characterized as an exceptionally good business all round, the furnaces being chiefly utilized in providing pig for the foundry. The Parkgate Company, near Maseboro', have again put a furnace or two in, and are this week running a fair proportion of their mill machinery. At Thorncliffe and Elsecar the furnaces are kept going, partially on native and partly on Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire ores. The Thorncliffe establishment enjoys almost a complete monopoly of the little remaining iron deposits in that locality—excepting the mines of Earl Fitzwilliam, from which the Messrs. Dawes—of Milton and Elsecar—derive good supplies. At Sheffield the Atlas Furnaces are to a considerable extent used for making spiegeleisen, which, if I am rightly informed, meets with a good demand for Bessemer purposes. Some of the blast furnaces at other local works are at present idle. Pig iron remains tolerably steady request all round, although foundry numbers have the readiest sale. Local figures are unchanged. Hematite pigs are well upheld at the undermentioned quotations: Millom Bessemer No. 1, 80/; No. 2, 77/6; and No. 3, 75/; ordinary No. 3, 72/6; No. 4, 71/6; No. 5, 71/6; mottled, 80/; and white, 80/; on the usual four months' terms, or with 2½% off for cash. Maryport Bessemer No. 3, 72/6; No. 4, 72/6; No. 5, mottled and white, 72/6; Bessemer No. 1, 80/; No. 2, 77/6; and No. 3, 75/ per ton, less 2½% for cash. In finished and merchant iron generally there is no change whatever to note, common bars being quoted at 48 and even under, at which figure there can, of course, be no profit for the competitive markets; fair medium bars at 49 to 50, low Moor and Bowling are still 42½. There is rather better request at one or two establishments, the average price being 41½ to 42½ per ton. The cast steel industry grows worse weekly, and is likely, from what I have heard, to be almost wholly paralyzed. In at least one important instance a number of the men have this week been informed that their services will not again be required, and various propositions for more economical working have been enunciated, and will come into operation when operations are resumed in the new year.

The armor plate departments continue well engaged, as I have several times stated of late, and are likely to remain so for a long period hence. A communication from Chatham says that "great supplies of plates are arriving from Sheffield, the plates being 10 to 12 tons each. They are drawn from the station to the yard by means of a powerful traction engine. It is expected that 500 or 600 tons of these plates will be sent to Chatham during the next few weeks." Much of the work, however, is on account of foreign governments. A London correspondent of the *Birmingham Post* says: "The extravagant expenditure on armor plate is now so great that unless something can be done to reduce it, or the navy votes can be increased, it will drain all the blood out of the efficient strength of the navy, and a fleet of a dozen vessels or so will be all that we can afford. The mischief is intensified by the fact that the trade of armor plate rolling is a complete monopoly in the hands of two Sheffield firms, and I believe that £70 and £80 per ton have been paid for plates for the Indefatigable. The government dare not commit themselves to a manufacturer of their own. The cost of the plant would be too great, and Parliament has steadily set its face against dockyard manufactures. Moreover, if the manufacture of armor plates should be commenced, the probability is that in a few years they would be superseded." The correspondent is correct as to the trade being a monopoly in the hands of the two local firms, but I believe the price he names is at least 20 to 25 per cent. in excess of that actually paid by the government.

The annual meeting of the members of the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Coal-owners' Association (Limited) was held at Sheffield on Monday last, and a satisfactory report was tendered. The coal trade is good, es-

pecially in household qualities. Steam coal is not so much inquired for, now that the holidays are so near at hand. At Manvers Main and other pits in South Yorkshire the miners have had differences with the owners on the question of additional payment for wedging instead of blasting—a practice which is, by common consent, abandoned, that is whilst the men are down in the workings. In stone drifts it must still be used—but the miners ought even then to be out. The inquest as to the cause of the Swatow Main explosion has now been adjourned until January 13th, after a daily sitting up to Tuesday. A quantity of valuable practical evidence has been given. For instance, Mr. Brevor, manager of the Highgate Colliery, said there was no really safe lamp yet invented; any lamp would explode if the gas were dense. He had known an explosion caused by a sudden rush of gas to the vent of a furnace—an explosion which caused great damage and killed a number of horses, but luckily did not kill the only man who happened to be in the workings at the time. On Tuesday Mr. Miller, of the Stafford Main Colliery, said that in the No. 2 rise there is a goaf of 12 acres in extent. Some of the props supporting the roof of this goaf had been removed, so that there was a great fall, which liberated a quantity of gas. This had either exploded at a broken lamp or had gone off at a perfect lamp. Mr. Wilson, of the Oaks Colliery, confirmed this, but was further of opinion that there was also a second explosion in the Northall level. Neither gentlemen believe in the theory of the accident having been caused by a shot.

In the cutlery trade and, indeed, all other branches of manufacturing industry, no work will be done here this week. The shares of "Wm. Jessop & Sons, Limited," have gone off very rapidly, the applications being said to have been greatly in excess of the number of shares to be allotted. The directors' qualification is the holding of 100 shares of £50 each.

THE BRITISH LABOR MARKET.

The *Labor News*, which professes to have special sources of information in its issue of Dec. 22d, gave the following summary: "The home labor market has undergone few important changes during the past week. Several branches, especially the iron, continue much depressed, and with the approach of Christmas a further suspension of work is likely to take place. At Manchester a great distress prevails among the iron workers, and the action of the ironstone miners, with respect to the proposed reduction of wages, is still uncertain. At Dudley the works are somewhat better employed, but the general outlook in the iron trade is very gloomy. In South Wales there are some rumors of reopening certain large works, but generally there is little doing. The slate trade is, however, specially brisk in North Wales. At Barrow a great demand for iron shipbuilding has been obtained; and at Barnsley mills and forges are still fairly well off for work. At Hartlepool the iron shipbuilding yards are somewhat busier; and at Sheffield some of the staple trades, especially the electroplate, are fully occupied. In the textile branches there is a fair amount of employment, and at Bradford spinners are well employed. At Halifax only a limited amount of machinery is going. There is still a demand for factory hands in some parts of Lancashire. Under the head of emigration an extensive loan for railways at the Cape of Good Hope may be noticed; and a continuous demand for labor in South Australia is also observable. Both from New Zealand and Canada letters of complaint on the part of disappointed emigrants have lately been published, indicating the necessity of organization for the distribution of emigrants on arrival in the colonies. Large numbers of persons remain unemployed in New York and other large cities in the United States."

BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

There was rather more activity up to Christmas eve in the Staffordshire mills and forges, but the real condition of trade is unchanged. Prices remain nominally firm. Only 65 furnaces are in blast in the district. Best bars are still £10, and sheets £11 to £13. One or two firms have lowered their charcoal sheets, but the reduction is exceptional. Messrs. Baldwin and the Hope Iron Company still quote £23. The hardware trades were busy last week, but are now holidaying. In the fire iron and brass hinge trades advances in prices are likely, owing to an agitation by the workmen for higher wages.

SOUTH WALES.

remains quiet, as a rule, although at Dowlais and Ebbw Vale work is being done. A correspondent writing on Friday says that at Dowlais there is £500,000 worth of steel rails now lying ready for delivery in the spring. He also states that experiments are being made at the same works in order to cheapen the cost of producing the Bessemer material, and these, if successful, would enable steel rails to be produced at very little more than the cost of iron ones. Dowlais has also the honor of having just produced the largest steel rail in the world. Ebbw Vale recently rolled one 89 feet long, but Dowlais has made one 105 feet and another 107 feet in length. This beats all yet done in this line. At the same works rails are being made and sent to Mantanzas and India. At the other establishments no noticeable change has taken place.

THE METAL MARKETS.

were quiet last week. My usual advices and circulars not having come to hand, owing to some hitherto unexpected mishap, I am compelled, for the present, to dismiss the subject by saying that little has been done in any metal. Chili bars have ruled about £81. 10/ to £82. Amsterdam and English copper unchanged. Straits tin, £81. 10/ to £81. 15, and Australian £80. 10/.

Metallurgical Technology.

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Flattening Plate Iron.—In the Bay State Iron Works, at Boston, a very simple method for flattening plate iron can be seen in use; a heavy roller, worked by machinery, rolls over the plate, which is brought opposite to it; this roller is propelled by a rack and pinion, and, after moving over the plate, it is reversed and rolls back to its original position. In this instance, an old plate roll, with the coupling ends and part of the journal turned off, forms the roller weight employed.

Definition of Steel.—In the *Revue Universelle* and in the first and third of this year's numbers of the *Annuaire de l'Association des Ingenieurs sortis de l'Ecole de Liege*, we find the discussion still continued as to the true significance of the term steel, which commenced when Mr. Gruner, the head of the steel department of the Serravallo works (whose name by a typographical error is spelt Gruner in our second report for 1873), defined steel to be any malleable product of the iron industry obtained in a state of fusion, an opinion to which Mr. Hackney, in his paper on the steel manufacture, read lately before the Institution of Civil Engineers, also subscribes; but as this would oblige us to class soft iron made by the

Bessemer process, or pure iron cast in a crucible, as steel, although neither of these products will receive a temper, which from the oldest times has been looked upon as the all characteristic property of steel, we do not think Mr. Gruner's definition is likely to meet with universal acceptance.

Annealed Spiegeleisen.—As it is well known that the objection to the use of spiegeleisen in the production of the extra soft steel and Bessemer iron made by the Bessemer process is the high amount of carbon which it contains, for which reason ferro-manganese is always preferred in such cases, Professor Raymond has proposed in a paper read before the American Institute of Mining Engineers in February, to employ instead of the ordinary spiegeleisen; such as had previously been annealed, or, more properly speaking, decarbonized, by heating it for a considerable time with iron scale in a closed receptacle, just as is done in the ordinary process of making malleable iron castings. Experiments were made by keeping an iron box filled with small fragments of German spiegeleisen packed in iron scale from the rolling mill at a red heat for some three weeks, when upon cooling it was found that the carbon was to a very large extent removed without the oxidation of the manganese having taken place in any sensible degree, the chemical analysis before and after the process, made by Mr. J. Blodgett Britton, being as follows:

Spiegeleisen before.	Spiegeleisen after.
Phosphorus.....	0.079 0.055
Manganese.....	11.636 10.689
Carbon.....	3.016 0.499

If the spiegeleisen had been granulated or cast in thin plates, or had it been of the quality rich in manganese such as is made at the West Cumberland Iron and Steel Works of the Societe Anonyme des Hauts-Fourneaux de Marseilles, the result would, no doubt, have been even more favorable, but at all events they tend to show that the high priced ferro-manganese is likely to find a much cheaper rival in such decarbonized spiegeleisen. The results have been published in the *Engineering and Mining Journal* of New York, for May 15, 1875.

American Bessemer Works and Iron Rolling Mill Plant.—The following details of the Edgar Thomson Company, Limited, situated at Braddock, eleven miles east of Pittsburgh, on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, may be of interest as showing the modern arrangements of an American Bessemer steel works and rail mill, considered capable of turning out 200 tons of ingots and 225 tons of rails if rolled in double lengths, or 200 tons if in single lengths, per day of 24 hours.

The total surface area of the entire works is about 106 acres, and, beside being traversed by the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, has a frontage of 3300 feet on the Monongahela River.

Buildings.—At present there have been erected: Cupola house, 107 feet long, 44 feet wide, and 46 feet high; converting house, 129 feet long, 84 feet wide, and 30 feet high; blast engine house, 54 feet long, 48 feet wide, and 36 feet high; boiler house, 178 feet long, 48 feet wide, and 18 feet high; gas generator house, 90 feet long, 46 feet wide, and 26 feet high; rail mill, 380 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 25 feet high, with a wing 100 feet long, 35 feet wide, and 17 feet high; office and shop buildings, 200 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 18 feet high; and coal and iron store, 40 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 10 feet high. All these buildings have iron roofs, and are constructed wholly of brick except the generator house and rail mill, which have iron side columns with timber side framing.

The converting appliances comprise three cupolas, each 40 feet high and 5 feet internal diameter; two 12-ton cupola ladles upon scales; two 5-ton converters, 15 feet high by 6 feet internal diameter; twelve crane ladles for casting, and a full supply of ingot molds and flasks for bottom casting. Ample store capacity is provided for drying the spare converter bottoms, flasks and ladle stoppers. A crusher and mixing mill is in the cupola house, in which there is abundant room for storing the refractory materials intended for immediate use.

The steam machinery is worked by 16 tubular boilers, each 5 feet diameter and 15 feet long with forty 4½ inch tubes, a separate grate 5½ feet wide by 7 feet long, and a separate chimney 2½ feet internal diameter by 75 feet high; the boilers are fed by two duplex pumps, 10 inch by 5½ inch with 10 inch stroke, each having a direct cold water supply, and also a connection with either one of the two heaters, which are of the largest size, and supply the boilers with hot filtered water; each boiler has an independent lined safety valve, feed valve and blow off valve, and can be used or repaired independently of the others. For the converters, the two blowing machines have 42 inch cylinders with 4 feet stroke; each has two 30 ton fly-wheels of 30 feet diameter, a balanced slide valve on the steam cylinder, and rubber faced poppet valves on the air cylinder; the moving parts are balanced by an auxiliary piston in a small steam cylinder. A duplex engine is used for the cupolas with 18 inch steam cylinder, 60 inch air cylinder and 3 feet stroke. A horizontal engine, 18 inch cylinder by 2 feet stroke, drives the crushing and grinding machinery. Another horizontal engine, 36 inch diameter of cylinder by 4 feet stroke, with a 50 ton fly-wheel of 25 feet diameter, drives the blowing mill, whilst a similar engine 46 inch diameter by 4 feet stroke, drives the rail mill. A 3 ton steam hammer is used for cutting the blooms and for any hot chipping needed; an engine, 16 inch cylinder by 12 inch stroke, drives the rail saws, and another, of 18 inch by two feet stroke, the straightening presses, slotting machines and drills for the fish plate holes.

The hydraulic machinery comprises one duplex pressure pump with 25 inch steam cylinders, 9 inch water plungers and 2 feet stroke, and one pressure pump, 20 inch and 7½ inch by 15 inch stroke; a complete distributing apparatus, all valves of which are connected to a common platform; two accumulators, 16½ inch diameter by 9 feet stroke; a ladle crane, 15½ inch diameter by 6 feet stroke; four cranes, 13 inch diameter by 9 feet stroke, of which three are for lifting ingots and one for the bottom casting flasks; two cylinders, 18 inches diameter by 9 feet stroke, with rack and pinions for rotating the converters; one cylinder, 12 inch diameter by 2 feet stroke, fixed on a car, for lifting and removing the bottoms of the converters; and two lifts, 9 inch diameter by 27 feet stroke, for raising materials in the cupola house.

The heating furnace plant includes 20 gas generators arranged in 5 blocks, a sheet iron cooling tube leading overhead to the brick gas flue, and 6 Siemens furnaces, each 8 feet wide by 20 feet long internal measurement, the chimneys being two in number, each 6 feet diameter by 98 feet high. Three of these furnaces have hydraulic machinery for charging the ingots as brought in red hot from the converting house, and also for drawing them for rolling mill plant. The ingots are bloomed in a 30 inch three-high mill, which is fitted with feeding rollers driven by an independent engine, and with hydraulic cylinders for moving the roller tables, for turning over the ingots, and for moving the middle roller to vary the sizes of the grooves as required. A "telegraph" leads to the steam hammer, and a steam crane piles up the ingots in the yard, whenever it is inconvenient to take them direct to the reheating furnaces for the roll train. A 23 inch three-high train is used for rolling rails with three sets of rolls. A line of driven rollers leads to the saw carriage, and a second line of driven rollers to a 60 feet straightening plate. Space is provided for a swinging saw for cutting double length rails, and the hooks for handling the rails and rolls are provided with a power lifting apparatus to secure greater rapidity of working.

The water supply is brought from the river through 20 inch glazed sewer piping into a well at which two duplex pumps, each 30 inch by 7½ inch and 15 inch stroke are placed, and an 8 inch pipe from these pumps discharges into a 20,000 gallon tank, from which supply pipes are laid on to the works.

A complete system of 30 inch gauge railway tracks go all round the works, and a store room, laboratory and engineer's offices are to be found in the same building with the machine shop, which latter contains a 54 inch lathe for roll turning, one 30 inch and one 16 inch lathe, a 30 inch planing machine, two drills, a pipe, a screw-cutting machine, all driven by an engine of 12 inch cutter and diameter by 18 inch stroke.

We may, in conclusion, mention that a short description, with plan and elevation of the blooming mill engine at these works, will be found in the number of *Engineering* for January 22d, 1875, p. 70, and in the number for March 13, p. 206, is given a plate and description of the Bessemer blooming engine.

The Old and the New.—A writer in the *Philadelphia Ledger* says: The screw propeller has been in practical use less than 40 years, and yet its ideal origin runs back much further. Thomas Jefferson, writing from Paris in 1785, describes a vessel then recently invented, which he examined while in operation. He says the inventor did not know himself the principle of his own invention. "It is a screw with a very broad or thin worm, or, rather, it is a thin plate, with its edge applied spirally round an axis. This being turned, operates on the air as a screw does, and may be literally said to screw the vessel along. * * * The screw, I think, would be more effectual if placed below the surface of the water." Mr. Jefferson adds to his notes on this invention that he thinks Mr. Bushnell, of Connecticut, has a prior claim to the invention of the screw as a motive power for vessels. During the Revolutionary war he invented a submarine torpedo vessel, to be driven by screws. This torpedo was the original of Fulton's, and may have been the first instrument of its kind, but the screw had been suggested as a motive power for vessels long before the time of Bushnell. Brande's Dictionary says that "the screw propeller is probably as old as the windmill, and a windmill of the construction now usually employed is represented in the 77th proposition of Hero's *Spiritalia*, a work written 130 years before the Christian era." For a century and a half efforts were made to introduce the screw as a propeller of vessels before Ericsson and Smith successfully demonstrated the utility of the screw, and its advantages over paddle wheels. The history of this, as of most other inventions, shows that the world must wait for its laggards; that it cannot advance rapidly along one line of discovery, or of useful applications, until it has advanced or is ready to advance along others. Abnormal or premature growths are sure to be "nipped in the bud."

The Floods and the Iron Trade.—Whilst London is occupying itself in discussing what can be done for the poor people who have suffered loss by the overflowing of the Thames, and while precautions are being taken to meet the threatened higher tides soon to be experienced, the colliery and iron making districts are seriously debating their position arising out of the late heavy rains. In all parts of the kingdom pits have been stopped, and several iron works have been put to a stand. But nowhere has the inconvenience and loss sustained greater proportions than in South Staffordshire. The water has there made such an inroad upon the workings that it is threatening to stop the whole coal getting and iron making operations of that central coal basin.—*Engineer*.

A lot of plows and seed corn was shipped from Iowa, recently, to an extensive planter at Singapore, British India.

The Distribution and Consumption of Illuminating Gas.

The following interesting matter, which we condense from the address of Prof. C. F. Chandler, before the American Gas Light Association, will be found of especial value to gas fitters:

MAINS.

In the distribution of gas a certain percentage of leakage is unavoidable, but this can be reduced to a minimum by the exercise of a little care. The best plan is to test each length of pipe by closing one end with a plug, connecting the other end with a small forcing air pump, such as is used by gas fitters, and while the pipe is immersed in water forcing air into it. Bubbles of air passing the pipe will reveal every imperfection in the metal.

The location of each leak can be recorded by making a circle around it with chalk. Small holes can be closed by hammering the metal together; if large holes are detected, the pipe should be rejected. Immersing the pipes in hot coal tar is a very effective preventive of leakage. Leakage is said to often amount to 16 per cent. of all the gas produced, or even more; by the above mentioned precautions it may be reduced to 2 per cent. As there is always a certain condensation of water and oily or tarry matter in the mains, receivers or wells are constructed at convenient points, and the mains are laid inclining toward them. From time to time the condensed liquids are pumped out of the wells into a portable tank and thrown into the tar well at the works. Complaint is sometimes made of an excessive condensation of naphthalene in crystals or crusts, which seriously diminish the capacity of the pipes. According to J. Lawrence Smith, bituminized iron pipe is extensively used for gas in France. It is made from 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter. The base of the pipe is sheet iron, leaded, varying in thickness according to the required size and pressure; each section of pipe is made of two sheets, that are first riveted together separately with tinned rivets, and plunged into a bath of melted lead; these two pieces of pipe are then riveted together, and the junction of the two well tinned. The entire pipe is now 33 feet long. On the ends are convenient sockets and spigots, made of a mixture of lead and antimony, which serve to unite the sections of pipe when laid in the ground. The exterior surface of the pipe is coated with tar, and around this is wrapped a cord; this cord is then covered with melted pitch, and the pipe then rolled in coarse sand until it has acquired a thickness of from one-fourth to five-eighths of an inch. Chameroy & Co., of Paris, manufactured between the years 1838 and 1867, of this pipe for gas, 3160 miles; for water 897 miles—of a total value of \$7,708,400.

THE METERS.

Nothing is so mysterious to the gas consumer as the meter, and yet, as a matter of fact, the meter is quite as accurate as any other measure in use. It does sometimes err, but its errors are almost always in favor of the consumer and against the companies. It cannot measure gas that does not pass through it, but may permit gas to pass through without registering the quantity.

It is unnecessary to explain the construction or working of the meter to this audience. I will say, however, that the measurement of gas presents difficulties not encountered in any other case. The gas must be measured while in actual use, as no system of measurement and storage would be practical. Its flow must not be interrupted in the slightest degree, as otherwise the lights would be extinguished, or at least be made to flicker in a manner that would be unendurable, and while its flow is interrupted its volume must be accurately recorded.

COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF WET AND DRY METERS.

Wet meters being simpler in construction, composed entirely of metal, and having no valves except the float, are most durable and less likely to get out of order. They are, however, liable to stop from freezing, from too much or too little water, and from sending moisture into the pipes. They also register vapor of water as gas, though the quantity is too small to be of any consequence. The dry meter is not liable to any of these objections, but being more complicated and more delicate, it is more liable to wear and to get out of order. The inaccuracies which result from wear or corrosion are generally in favor of the consumer, as gas leaks from one space to another and escapes being measured. The dry meter is now more generally used.

The accuracy of the meters is very often questioned by the consumers. The resemblance of the dials lead them to infer that, like clocks, the meters may run fast or slow. But the case is not parallel; the meter is an engine in which the gas is the motive power, and unless the gas passes through the meter, it cannot move. On its dials are faithfully recorded the number of its revolutions in cubic feet. All waste and leakage is recorded as well as the useful consumption. Some think that the increased pressure makes the meter spin round faster and record against the consumer; but if he regulates the burners so as to prevent "blowing," he at once neutralizes the effect of the increased pressure. From the nature of things, the injury which the meter suffers in use must generally be against the company. If a valve leaks or a rust hole occurs in the measuring drum, or a crack in the leather, gas gets through without being recorded. Sometimes the valves of a dry meter become fixed in such a position as to let the gas through without moving. The meters are tested by State Inspectors by passing a certain number of cubic feet through each, and noting whether it is properly recorded on the dials. In New York

and Massachusetts a meter is stamped correct when it varies less than 2 per cent.; in Ohio the tolerance is 3 per cent. Prof. Wormley, State Inspector for Ohio, in testing 2321 new meters found only 13 that varied over one-half of 1 per cent. Mr. Stimpson, State Inspector in Massachusetts, in one year tested 11,316 meters; only 148 failed to come within the requirements of the law. Very few of these varied 5 per cent.; 62 averaged 8.47 per cent. against the companies; and 85 averaged 4.5 per cent. short.

BURNERS.

Far too little attention is paid to the character of the burners. There are three forms of burner in common use, the "bat wing" or slit burner, the "fish-tail," and the "argand." The amount of light produced by a given gas varies enormously with the conditions under which it is burned. The maximum amount of light is obtained by burning it on the verge of smoking, while in the Bunsen burner, used for heating purposes in chemical laboratories, the flame is blue and non-luminous. The loss of light is due to a too rapid mixing or contact of the gas with the air. This is controlled by the size and shape of the holes in the burner, the height of the chimney, and the distribution of the air (in the argand), and in all cases by the pressure. The holes and slits for rich gas should be small, as such gas requires more air than poor gas. Under the same pressure a burner which consumes four feet of gas per hour gives more light than two burners consuming each two feet. There is no economy of light in small burners. The pressure of the gas is a most important consideration. Argands give most light under a pressure of 1-10th inch, bat-wings and fish-tails under a pressure of 3-10th to 4-10th inch. As gas is supplied to consumers under pressure varying from three or four inches down to 1-10th, it is very desirable to check the flow of gas when it is excessive. This can be done by the use of regulators, by turning the gas off at the meter, by partly closing the cocks on the fixtures, or by introducing a check into the burner. Check burners should always be used; they are constructed in various ways—always by placing some obstruction in the way of the gas to retard its escape. A very simple plan is to screw a five or six foot burner over a three or four foot burner. With regard to a choice of form, the argand is best for ordinary gas; it gives a very steady flame, and consumes the gas to the best advantage.

Batwing burners cannot be used in globes or shades, as the flame is so broad as to crack the glass; fish-tails, or the peculiar form of bat-wing burner known as having the "excavated head" must be employed. The material of which the burner is constructed is a matter of great importance, iron rusts and the size and form of the openings become considerably modified in consequence; brass is better, but the best material is soap stone, usually called "lava." The best burner is Sugg's London burner, a lava argand. The best burner to be had in this country is Gleason's noiseless argand, of brass, provided with a regulator, which serves as a check. Most of the "patent burners" possess very little value, the merit generally consists in a check of some kind; none of them are equal to the properly constructed lava tipped bat-wings, fish-tails, and argands provided with simple checks. Some of you remember the monstrous swindle which was attempted a few years ago in this city with the Crenin burner. It was proposed to place this patent burner, together with a tin reflector, the whole costing perhaps a dollar and a half, on every public lamp, at a cost to the city of \$15 each. As there are about 20,000 street lights, the swindle would have cost the city \$300,000, without furnishing any additional light. The head of the Department of Public Works at that time, Mr. Tweed, refused to countenance such a fraud, and the scheme failed in consequence.

The gas referees of London made a report in 1871 on the subject of burners, in which some points are established which are of great importance. They found that by using good burners instead of bad ones, consumers may obtain from 30 to 50 per cent. more light, while their gas bills remain the same. The improvement of burners is important as a sanitary reform, as in furnishing the same quantity of light the good burner will consume less gas and consequently air, and will produce a smaller quantity of the products of combustion, and less heat than a poor burner. Burners from two newspaper offices gave only half the illuminating power of the gas, while several of the burners tested gave only one quarter the proper light of the gas.

These facts and many others which came to their knowledge proved to the referees that "an enormous waste of gas prevails, with a corresponding pecuniary loss to the public."

London pays \$10,000,000 per annum for gas, and the referees believe that one-fourth this sum may be saved by the use of good burners.

The best burner yet constructed is "Sugg's London Burner" (argand lava), calling the illuminating power of its flame, when consuming five feet of fifteen candle gas per hour, 100, the following were the best results obtained from several burners.

No.	Pressure inches.	Consumption of gas per hour.	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet
No. 1.....	0.2	1.7	12.3	36
" 2.....	0.3	3.1	38.4	62
" 3.....	0.45	3.1	34.3	52
" 4.....	0.17	2	18.8	47
" 5.....	0.5	1.8	6.8	19

No.	Pressure inches.	Consumption of gas per hour.	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet
No. 7.....	0.3	5	86.5	86.5
" 8.....	0.3	4.9	76.6	89.2

ARGAND BURNERS.

No.	Pressure inches.	Consumption of gas per hour.	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet	Illum. power, Sugg's London No. 1 at 5 feet
No. 9 Sugg's	0.213	5	100	100
" 10 Common	0.22	5.6	89.1	78.8
" 11	0.78	5.8	90.6	77.4
" 12	0.6	5.2	94.7	84.2

It is thus seen that the six bat wing burners tested, burned under the most favorable pressures for each, gave only from 19 to 62 per cent. as much light as Sugg's London burner, for the same consumption of gas, five feet per hour; the two bat wing burners from 82.2 to 86.5 per cent., and the three Argands from 34.3 to 78.8 per cent.

The loss of light by the use of shades, chimneys, etc., is very considerable, and largely due to the conversion of light into heat. The following numbers, selected from the results of William King, of Liverpool, and Prof. F. H. Storer, of Boston, are a sufficient illustration:

Description of Glass.	Thickness of Glass, Inch.	Loss of Light.
Clear glass (King).....	1/8	10.57
Ground glass ".....	1/8	29.49
Smooth opal ".....	1/8	32.82
Ground opal ".....	1/8	35.85
Thick English plate (Storer).....	3/8	6.15
Crystal plate ".....	3/8	8.61
English crown ".....	3/8	13.08
Double English window ".....	3/8	9.30
Double German (Belgian) Storer.....	3/8	13.00
Single German ".....	1-16	4.37
Double ".....	1-16	62.34
Single German (Belgian) ground (Storer).....	1-16	65.75
Barkshire, Mass., ground (Storer).....	1-16	62.74
Orange colored window glass ".....	1-16	34.48
Purple ".....	1-16	85.11
Ruby ".....	1-16	89.62
Green ".....	1-16	81.97
Porcelain transparency.....	1-16	97.68

Lighting gas by electricity has recently been introduced in theaters, halls, etc., with great advantage. As it is an instantaneous operation, it results in great economy by rendering it unnecessary to light the gas before it is actually wanted, and in sparing the attendants the great exertion required in applying the torch at great heights. It may be effected by stretching a fine platinum wire above each burner, and heating it to a white heat by a current of electricity when the gas is turned on. A better plan is to use the Ruhmkorff coil. In this case each burner is isolated from the house pipes by a hard rubber connecting ring. A series of wires is then arranged by which the electric current is made to leap in sparks to the tip of each burner in succession when the gas is turned on. Systems have been invented by which the gas of the street lights is turned on and off and lighted by electricity from a central office.

Pressure.—As already stated, a certain amount of pressure is required to force the gas through the street mains, the house meters, pipes and burners. The pressure is measured by the height of a column of water supported by the gas in a U-shaped tube, one end of which is open to the air, while the other is connected with the gas supply. It is estimated that there should be a pressure of one inch at the entrance to the premises of every consumer, 0.2 inch being required to force the gas through the meter, 0.2 inch for the house pipes, and 0.6 inch for the burners. This pressure is exerted by the weight of the great gasholders at the works. Were the consumption of gas uniform during the entire twenty-four hours, the holder could be properly balanced once for all, and a uniform pressure would be exerted at all times—four or five inches are found to be necessary for large districts; but when no gas is burned, no pressure is required, and when little gas is burned, four or five inches would be excessive. Consequently, the pressure must be graduated according to the hourly consumption. For this purpose the governor, already mentioned, is employed at the works to regulate the flow, and consequently the pressure, of the gas from the holder to the street mains. The following table exhibits the variation in pressure caused by irregularities of consumption. The holders of the New York Gas Light Company are on East Twenty-first street; its district extends from Grand street to the lower end of the island at Whitehall street. Hester street is well within the district.

Pressure of the gas in inches of water.	3 p. m.	4 p. m.	5 p. m.	6 p. m.
Twenty-first street.....	1.7	2	5.3	4.2
Hester street.....	1.6	1.7	2.4	2.2
Whitehall street.....	1.0	1	0.6	1.1

It is thus seen that a uniform pressure throughout the district supplied is absolutely impossible. In order to secure a sufficient pressure at the extremities of the district, an excessive pressure must be produced at the intermediate points; and as the pressure must be varied from hour to hour at the works, it will vary at the premises of most of the consumers. The consumer must, therefore, regulate the pressure for himself; (1) by carefully adjusting the main cock at the meter; (2) by adjusting the cock at each burner; (3) by using check burners; (4) by attaching a regulator at the meter. It sometimes happens that the consumer cannot get sufficient pressure to supply his burners, when he, of course, fails to get the light he requires, and concludes that the gas is poor. This difficulty may be due to several causes: (1) insufficient pressure at the works; (2) the street mains are too small or obstructed; (3) the service pipe is too small or obstructed; (4) the meter is too small or out of order; (5) the house pipes are too small or obstructed; (6) the fixtures are obstructed; (7) the burners are too small, defective or obstructed. By comparing notes with neighboring consumers, and consulting an intelligent gas fitter, the real cause of the deficient light can generally be ascertained. In large buildings there should be a separate cock and regulator on each floor to prevent irregularity of pressure.

The illuminating power of gas is dependent upon several conditions: (1) liberation of solid particles of carbon from the olefant gas and rich hydrocarbon vapors by the heat of the flame, or the oxidation of the hydrogen at

points in the flame where the supply of oxygen is not sufficient for both hydrogen and carbon; (2) to the temperature of the flame, which renders the carbon particles luminous; (3) to the density of the materials burned; (4) to the density of the products. These conditions depend upon the chemical composition of the gas and the manner of its combustion. Gases rich in olefant gas and heavy hydrocarbons furnish the most luminous flames. The character of the burner, the dimensions of the chimney with argands, and the pressure determine the manner of combustion by regulating the supply and admixture of air. A low pressure with a burner that secures a supply of air just sufficient to prevent smothering—i. e., the escape of unconsumed carbon—secures the maximum amount of light. The pressure and quality of the gas being fixed, it was formerly supposed that the light produced was directly as the rate of combustion, and that consequently two like burners consuming each 3 feet of gas per hour would give the same amount of light as one similar burner consuming 6 feet. Recent investigations make it extremely probable that the amount of light increases as the square of the consumption. (Farmer's Theorem.) Consequently, the light from the two burners would be $3 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 = 18$, while that from the one 6 foot burner would be $3 \times 6 = 18$. Thus, the large burner gives twice as much light for the same consumption as the two small burners; hence, the economy of a few large burners over many small ones.

Carbureting or Carbonizing Gas.—It having been established that the illuminating power of gas depends upon the heavy hydrocarbon vapors, numerous means have been contrived and patented for adding such vapors to the gas. The materials available are the naphtha of coal tar, and the naphtha of petroleum or coal oil. Coal tar naphtha is by far the most effective, though most expensive. It consists of benzol, C_6H_6 , and its homologues, which are very dense and very rich in carbon. Petroleum and coal oil naphtha consists of hydrocarbons of the marsh gas series (see petroleum), such as quintane, $C_{15}H_{32}$; sextane, $C_{16}H_{34}$; heptane, $C_{17}H_{36}$, etc., in which the ratio of carbon to that of hydrogen is less than half what it is in benzol, etc. Dr. Letheby (*Chem. News*, xi., 1865, p. 136), found that while 1 grain per cubic foot of gas of some naphthas increased the illuminating power 9 per cent., the same quantity of other naphthas raised it only 1.99 per cent. Under favorable circumstances he found that a gallon of coal tar naphtha would enrich 6000 feet of gas, adding over 10 grains per cubic foot, and increase its illuminating power 68 per cent., thus making it equal to 10,000 feet of the original gas. The practical gain is 4000 feet, costing the price of 1 gallon of naphtha, about \$1. The conditions which effect the carbonization are, (1) quality of the gas, (2) quality of the naphtha, (3) construction of the carbureter, (4) temperature of the carbureter. The last condition is very essential to success. If the carbureter is placed in a warm situation the naphtha evaporates too rapidly, the gas becomes overcharged, and the flames smoke. The burners must be first adjusted to the character of the gas, and if the gas varies from day to day from irregularity in the carbonization, the annoyance becomes intolerable. Another difficulty arises from the condensation of the naphtha in the house pipes and fixtures, by which they become obstructed and cease to deliver gas. These difficulties have led to the ill-success which has attended this apparently logical method of enriching gas.

Bichereux's Gas Furnaces.

Mr. Casson, manager of the Round Oak Iron Works, makes the following report of the results of experiments with Bichereux's gas furnaces at that establishment:

"During the week ending November 13, 110 tons 4 cwt. 22 lbs. of puddled bar iron were put into these furnaces for the 16 inch mill, yielding 93 tons 3 cwt. of finished iron and 9 tons 17 cwt. 36 lbs. of ends; the waste in the furnaces was, therefore, 7 tons 4 cwt. 98 lbs. In the week ending November 20, the figures were: 108 tons 6 cwt. 10 lbs. put into the furnaces, yielding 92 tons 5 cwt. 84 lbs. of finished iron, and 9 tons 11 lbs. of ends; the waste in the furnaces was, therefore, 6 tons. 19 cwt. 40 lbs. The waste was consequently in the first week, 6.37 per cent. of the finished iron; in the second, 6.43 per cent., on the average exactly 6½ per cent., and all this though the mill was worked only on single turns, 6 turns a week, and the rolls had to be changed 24 times in the first week, and 25 in the second, or a little more than four times each turn. Last week, ending 18th December, the mill worked on double turn, 10 turns in all. The iron made amounted to the respectable quantity of 185 tons 13½ cwt., with a consumption of 66 tons 13 cwt. of coal, so that for every ton of finished iron only 7.18 cwt. of Staffordshire coal were consumed."

More favorable results are obtained on the Continent with good gas coal. Bichereux's system has been applied with marked success to furnaces for Bessemer ingots, nearly all the steel works in Belgium and Westphalia using them. At Angleur, in Belgium, at the works of Messrs. Pastor & Co., 163 ingots of 285 kil. each, or in all 46,455 kil. (about 920 cwt.), were heated between 6 a. m. and 5 p. m., with a consumption of 3300 kil. of coal, or about 66 cwt. In other words, 100 kil. of steel ingots were heated with 7.1 kil. of coal, or 1 ton of ingots with about 1½ cwt. of coal.

The system has been equally successful when adapted to puddling furnaces. Messrs. Bichereux themselves have worked such puddling furnaces for years. At Ars-sur-Moselle, one of the latest firms who tried the gas puddling furnaces, had two furnaces provided with Bichereux's producers, and the results during the first two months were carefully put down for every 12 hours. These furnaces do not require such

large producers as heating furnaces, the producers are therefore built where the grate used to be, so that the thus altered puddling furnaces do not want much more space than before. The pig iron was first heated in the neck of the furnaces.

Average Results.	No. 4 Furnace.	Aug.	Sept.
Number of charges Day shift 9-66	10-98	10-98	10-98
for twelve hours. Night " 10-30	10-30	10-30	10-30
Iron made..... Day " 1,888 kil.	1,961 kil.	1,961 kil.	1,961 kil.
Iron made..... Night " 3,018 "	3,028 "	3,028 "	3,028 "
Consumption of Day " 709 "	712 "	712 "	712 "
coal..... Night " 686 "	671 "	671 "	671 "
Waste of iron..... Day " 15.0 "	14.1 "	14.1 "	14.1 "
Waste of iron..... Night " 13.9 "	12.7 "	11.7 "	11.7 "

The average consumption of coal per ton of iron made was therefore 6.73 or nearly 6½ cwt. A number of prominent English firms are about to adopt these gas furnaces, which seems to have the great advantage of simplicity and easy management by the ordinary furnacemen, beside the saving of fuel and the reduction in the waste of iron.

Competition Between English and German Coal and Iron.

A correspondent of the London *Economist* writes: The proprietors of coal mines in Upper Silesia have held an assembly, in which measures were discussed which would render competition with English coal mines possible. They first decided upon naming general agents, who, in Dantzig and Rostock, are to be occupied in selling their coals. Then they intend demanding of the Secretary of the Board of Trade that the customs' duty, due for import of coals into Russia, should be done away with. Thirdly, the Secretary for the Board of Trade is to obtain reductions for them in the charges for railway conveyance to the ports of the Baltic. Along with the petition of German iron manufacturers to the government, in which the former demand a suspension of the law of 7th July, 1873 (abolition of all duties upon cast iron), a strange fact presented itself to public notice. During the time in which the duty on iron has been lowered, the Silesian iron works have progressed in quite an extraordinary manner:

Date.	Duty on Pig Iron.	Production of Pig Iron.	Duty on Cast Iron.	Production of Cast Iron.
	sgt.	cwt.	sgt.	cwt.
1847.....	10	1,949,307	45	772,094
1857.....	10	1,916,678	45	1,011,599
1867.....	7½	3,687,883	25	2,071,907
1869.....	5	3,913,753	25	2,686,399
1874.....	2½	5,889,736	17½	4,083,375
1874.....	2½	5,434,924	10	4,107,399

We hear that there is to be a general reduction of wages in the course of this week in the establishment of Krupp. Fourteen thousand workmen's wages are to be reduced by 10 per cent. In the other Rhenish and Westphalian iron and steel works there is little else in store for the future. Since the 15th of September about 11,000 workmen have been dismissed from these, and it is much to be feared that by Christmas time many more will be dismissed. Distress is greatest in the iron industry. The other branches do not suffer much.

At a recent distribution of prizes at Greenwich, Mr. Gladstone delivered an eloquent address, in the course of which he said that one of the first results of elementary education was to produce a desire on the part of young persons or in their parents to escape from the necessities of manual labor, and pass into what is called head work. Here they had before them a very important subject. There was far too much eagerness on the part of the working classes to get out of the working class into another which was not a working class. The first thing a man ought to do was to elevate his vocation. A workman ought to strive to raise the character of the work he performed, and in doing that he was doing more to raise himself and his family and class than by hurrying out of his position. Hand labor was progressively and rapidly rising, whereas head labor was falling. The ex-Premier, in conclusion, urged that what the workman should aim at was to raise the character of the labor which he was called upon to perform.

Edward Miller & Co., manufacturers of sheet brass, bronze lamps, trimmings, &c., Meriden, Conn., were established in 1844 and incorporated in 1866, Edward Miller, president, and William H. Perkins, treasurer. From 350 to 400 hands are now employed in their works, which consist of a three story brick building, 300 feet long, another of two stories, 300 feet long, a two-story tin shop, 100 feet in length, and a brass rolling mill, 190 feet long; in addition there are new buildings used for spelter castings, brass moldings, jannanning, and joiners' shops. Five boilers furnish steam for the 150 horse Corliss engine, which furnishes the power. The concern is one of the largest of its class in the country, doing a \$500,000 business. In the way of fine bronze parlor ornaments, &c., the company are successfully competing with foreign manufacturers'. Their New York city headquarters are at No. 4 Warren street.

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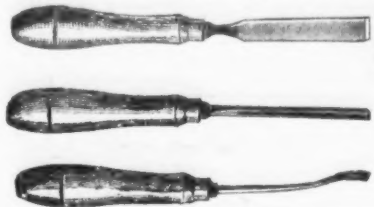
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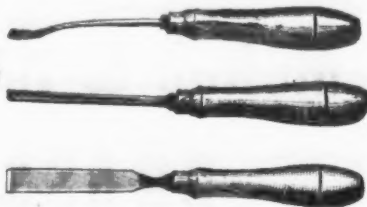
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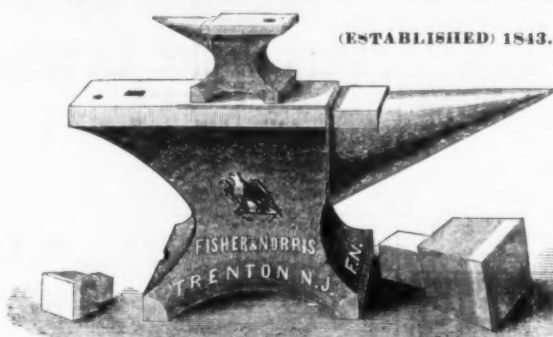
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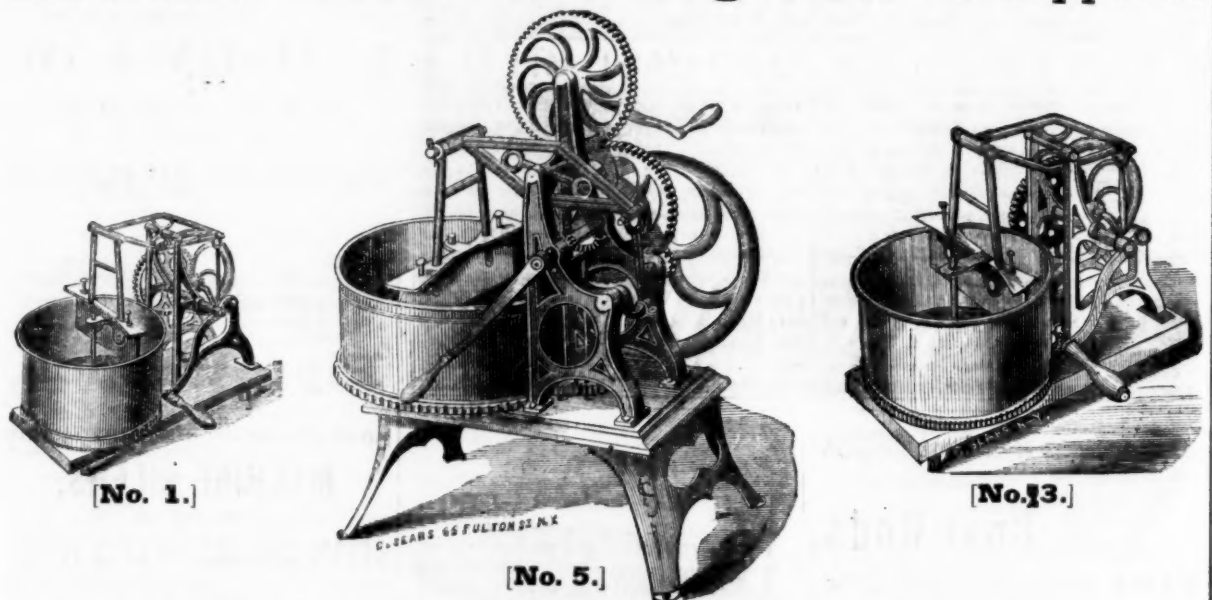
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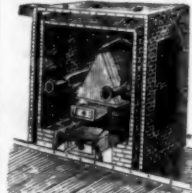


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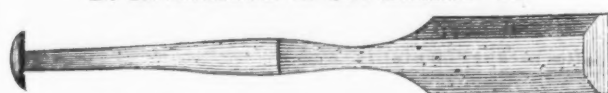
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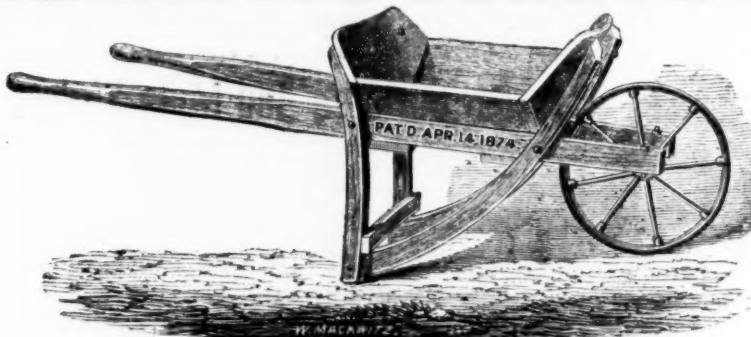


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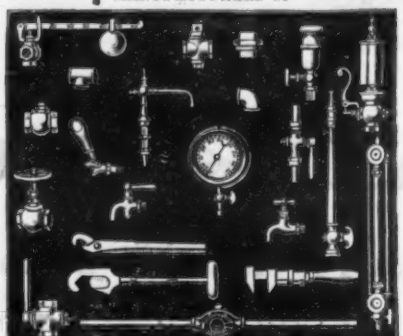


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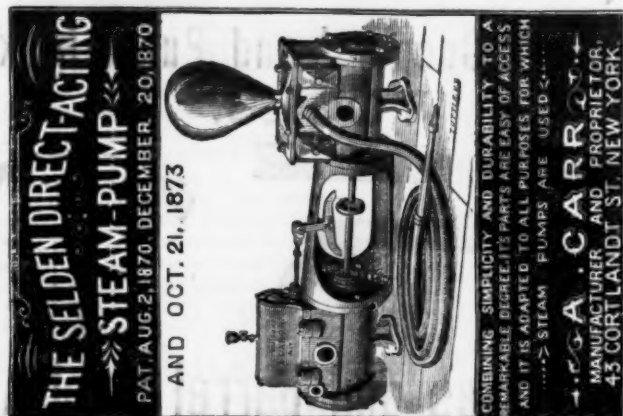
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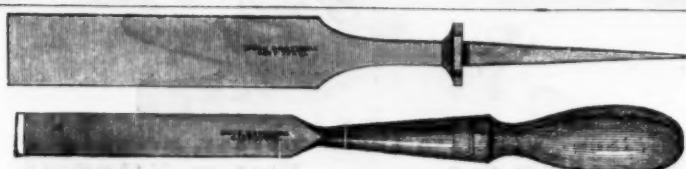
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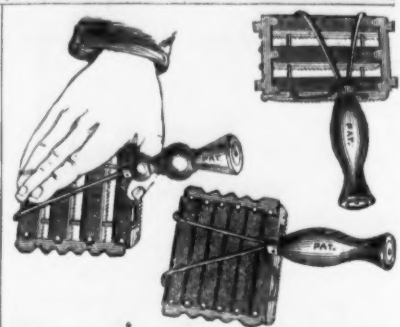
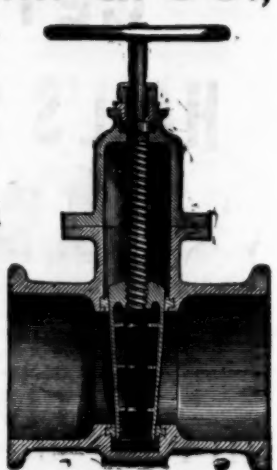
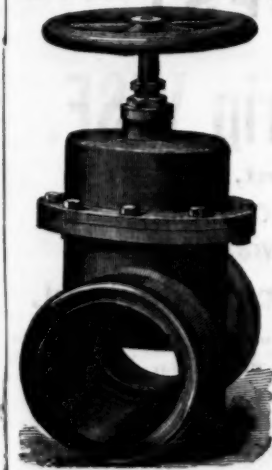


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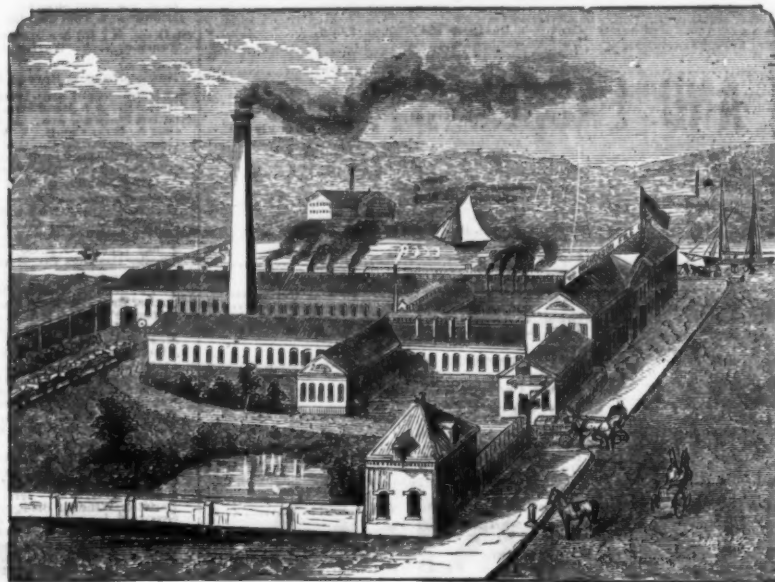
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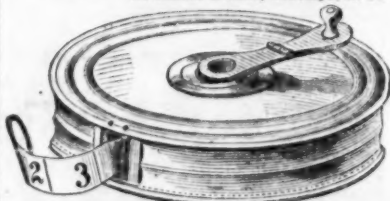
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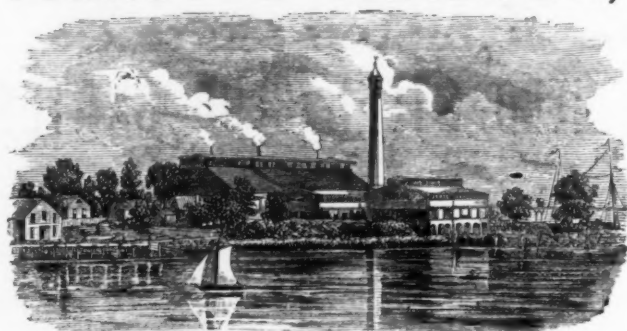
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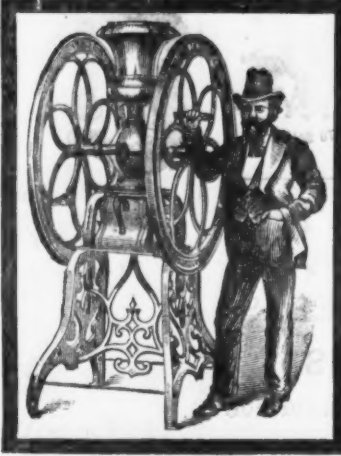
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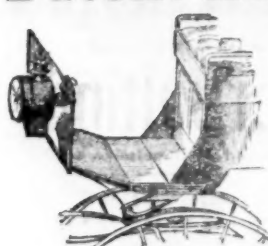
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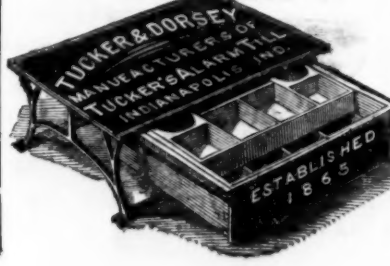
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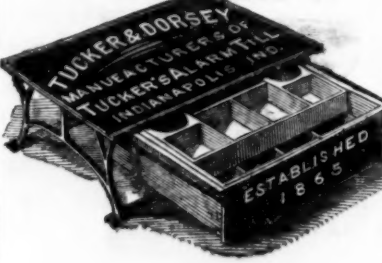


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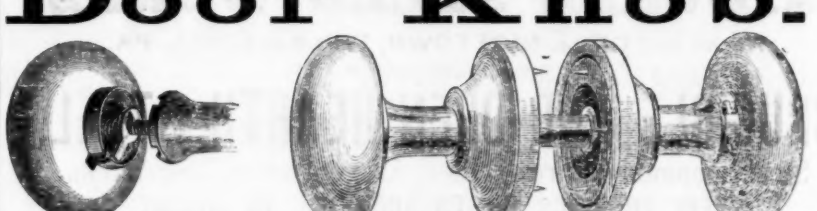
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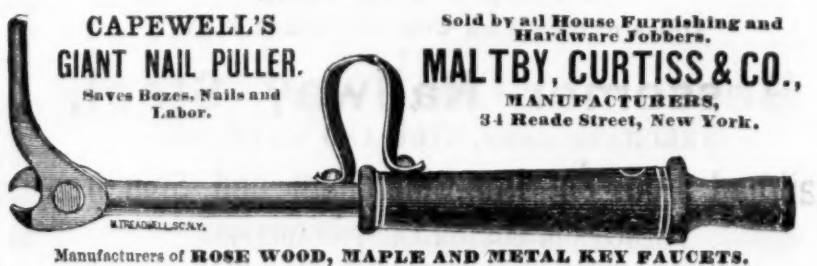
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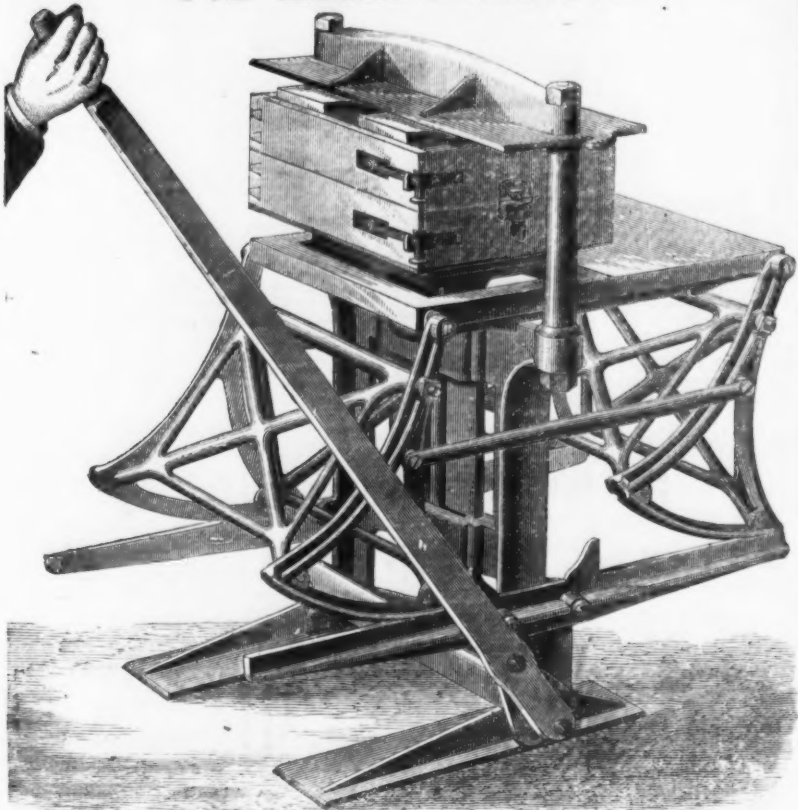
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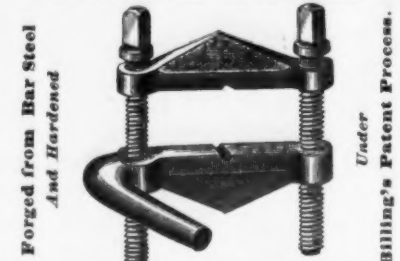
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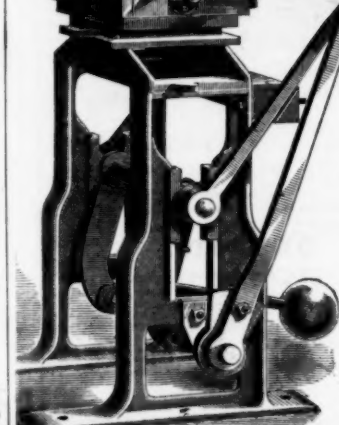
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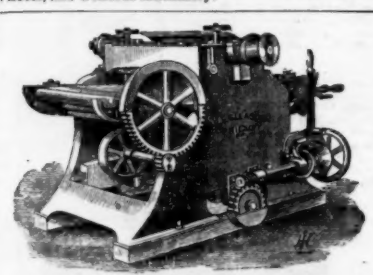
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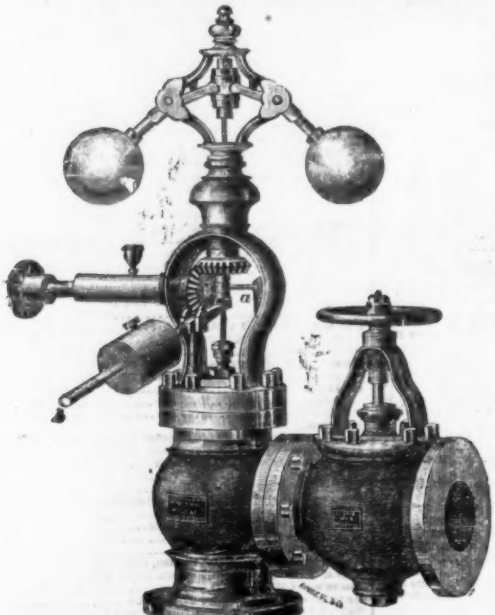
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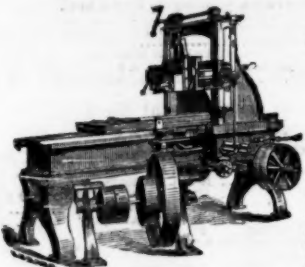
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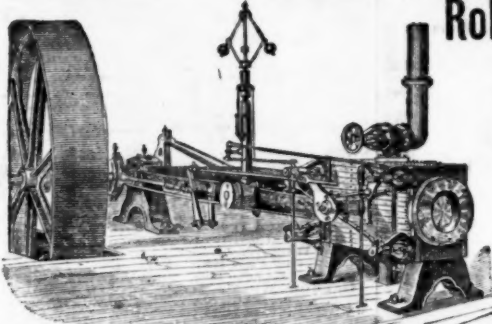
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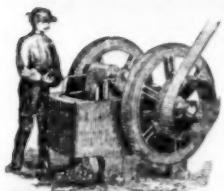
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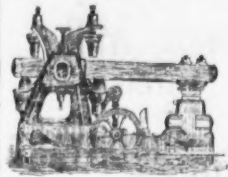
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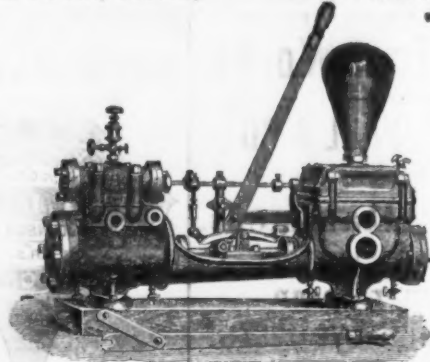
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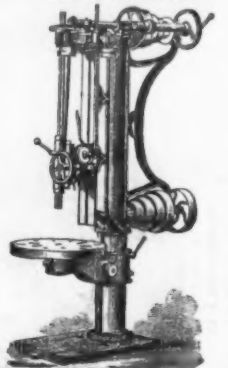


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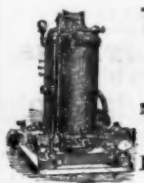
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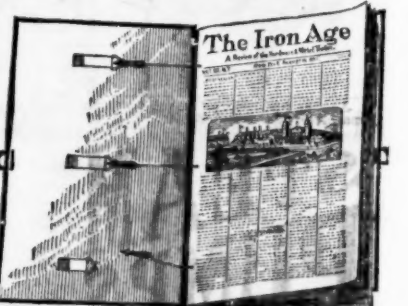
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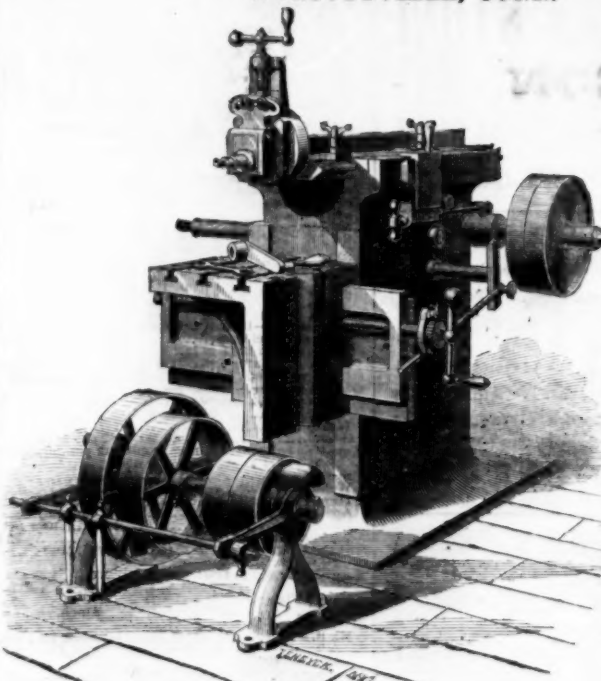
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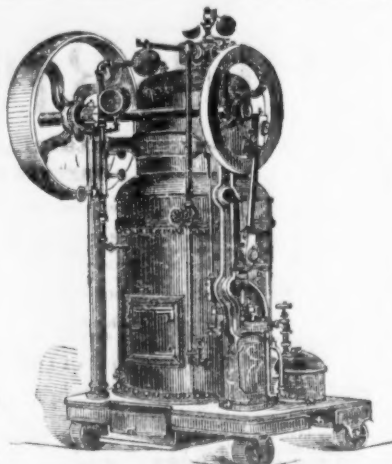
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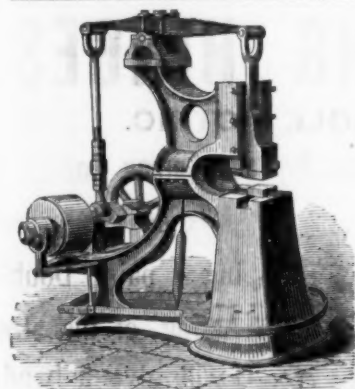
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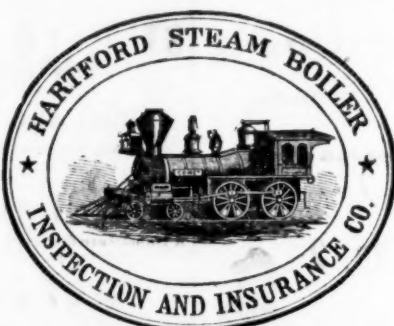
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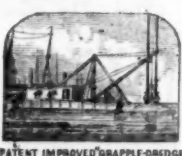
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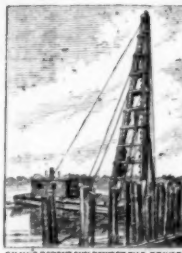
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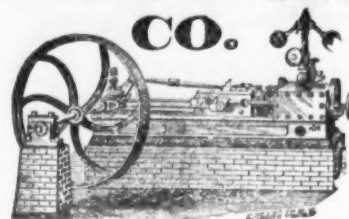
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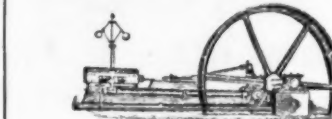
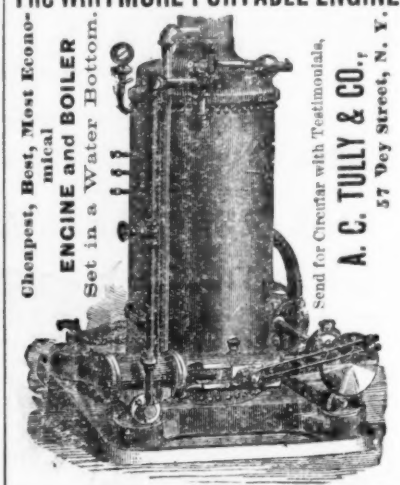
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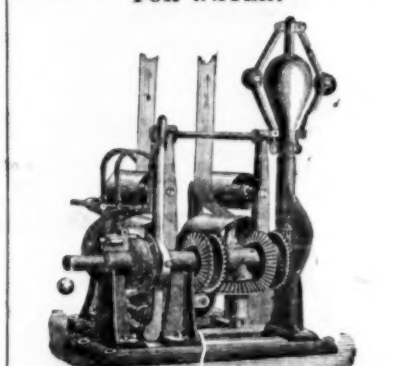
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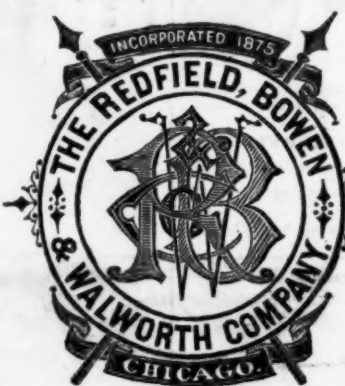
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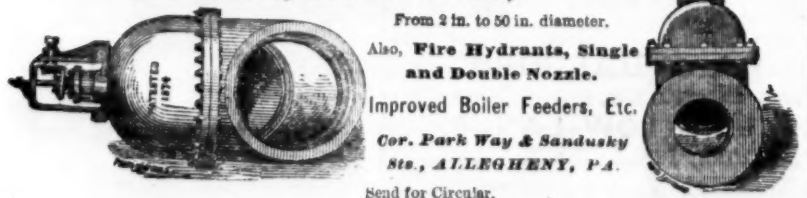
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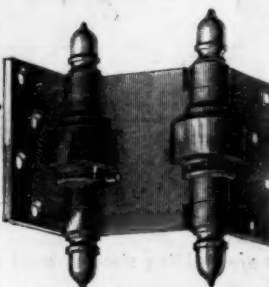
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